

## Structure

### NADA

The Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies Inc (NADA) is the peak organisation for the alcohol and drug non-government sector throughout NSW. NADA's membership comprises of approximately 120 agencies including counselling, prevention, and education services and treatment organisations.

### Board

NADA is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the NADA membership at the Annual General Meeting. NADA has established a Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee to advise the on issues and acts as a forum for discussion and analysis of key policy and advocacy issues for the NADA membership. The subcommittee will develop specific positions on:

- Key government review and reform agendas
- NGO grants management and administration
- The role of NGOs in service planning and delivery
- NADAs public advocacy role including our position on key issues
- Developing advocacy strategy on the above and any relevant issues that get referred to the subcommittee by the Board of Directors

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*A sustainable, dynamic and effective NGO AOD sector*

## NADA POLICY AND ADVOCACY

### STRATEGIC AGENDA 2008-2011

NADA's mission is to provide strong leadership and support for members to ensure the provision of sustainable best practice drug and alcohol (D&A) service delivery in NSW.

### Policy and Advocacy

NADA's activities will focus on developing a policy and advocacy framework for the upcoming NSW Election and providing ongoing information, communication and advice in regards to policy for the non government drug and alcohol sector. NADA will undertake this work to support a diverse range of members who are quality organisations providing services targeted to meet the needs of their clients. A number of key issues have been identified for action:

- NGO Sustainability: Compliance, reporting and funding models for drug and alcohol services.
- Alcohol: Taxation, advertising and community development.
- Families: Engaging with families.
- Housing: Adequate, safe and secure housing.
- Prevention and Early Intervention: For young people and isolated communities.
- Consumer engagement and representation.

## NADA POLICY & ADVOCACY STRATEGIC AGENDA 2008-09

Key Strategic Areas	Activity	Outcomes
<b>To provide leadership in the development of the policy agenda in NSW.</b>	<p>Develop a policy platform for the 2011 election</p> <p>Develop policy agenda for the next NSW government</p> <p>Strategic engagement with current NSW government and NSW opposition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful engagement in NSW Health's Review of AOD NGOs funded by MHDAO.</li> <li>• NADA positioned a key point of reference for government policy makers.</li> <li>• The Drug Policy agenda influenced</li> </ul>
<b>Inform and Influence available policy processes</b>	<p>Participate in key steering and advisory committees</p> <p>Provide comment on Plans and Frameworks for key issues identified by the committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGO issues formally recognised</li> <li>• Inclusion and action on NGO priorities</li> </ul>
<b>Fully engage NADA members in the policy and advocacy development process.</b>	<p>Hold regional consultation forums</p> <p>Build awareness and knowledge of members</p> <p>Regularly communicate NADA's policy and advocacy activities to the membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful member engagement and participation in forums</li> <li>• Member satisfaction with NADA's policy and advocacy activities</li> <li>• Raised awareness and understanding of key policy issues in the membership</li> </ul>
<b>Build alliances and partnerships with existing policy bodies.</b>	<p>Identify potential policy partners for key issues</p> <p>Build and consolidate relationships and alliances with NCOSS, state peak network, the NGO advisory Committee, NSW Health and DoHA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate effective and active working alliances</li> </ul>
<b>To lobby and advocate in key emerging policy issues including sector sustainability and viability</b>	<p>Formal policy positions developed on the key issues of sustainability, alcohol, families, prevention and early intervention and housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption and inclusion of policy positions in formal policy process.</li> </ul>