

## December 2019

### Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided submission expressing concerns with Sections 8(5) and (6) of the Religious Discrimination Bill 2019 Exposure Draft.
- The AOD Peaks Network signed on to a [media release](#) with a range of other peaks nationally to oppose the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to Draft Food Regulatory Measure - Proposal P1050 – mandatory pregnancy warning labels on alcoholic beverages.

### Advocacy and representation

- NADA was invited to be part of a roundtable for the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug “Ice” related to funding and planning.
- The NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Program Council meeting focused on workforce development. NADA was part of the working group to formulate the agenda, with priorities being discussed at the December meeting.
- NADA was invited to give evidence based on our submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019 in October.
- NADA has attended two meetings with the NSW Ministry of Health looking at the establishment of an AOD Research Strategy and associate governance arrangements.
- NADA attended a workshop at Parliament House with AOD leaders on Reform of the Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment System initiative
- NADA and QNADA, on behalf of the AOD Peaks Network, met with the AIHW regarding NGO AOD data collection
- NADA is representing the NGO sector at the Clinical Outcomes and Patient Experience (COPE) steering committee and the Drug and Alcohol Clinical Research Network (DACRIN)
- NADA presented a workshop at the Rethinking Mental Health Conference 2019 and provided an oral presentation on the Family Inclusive Practice project at APSAD 2019
- NADA presented three webinars in collaboration with Family Drug Support (Family Inclusive Practice) and with Chief Addiction Medicine Specialist, Dr Tony Gill (Depot Buprenorphine), and methamphetamine at Insight in collaboration with NCCRED
- NADA has sought out partnership projects with South Eastern and Sydney LHD HARP units to establish partnerships with members to ensure greater access to Hep C testing and treatment
- Key meetings: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW PHN AOD Network, Department of Health and Department of Social Services, NSW Council of Social Services Forum of Non Government Organisations, Quality in Treatment, Hepatitis B&C strategies and implementation committee.