

## June 2020

The past few months all of NADA resources have been redirected to supporting members impacted by COVID-19. Our staff have been in regular contact with all members to ensure that our advocacy and representation is in direct response to their changing needs. Regular partnership webinars between NADA and the NSW Ministry of Health during this time have enabled members to get the most up-to-date relevant information to support ongoing service delivery.

### Policy and submissions

- NADA and other health peak bodies in NSW provided a proposal to the NSW Ministry of Health calling for infrastructure, IT/telecommunications and training funding to support NGOs impacted by COVID-19
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to the Select Committee on COVID-19 to inquire into the Australian Government response to the COVID-19
- NADA and a network of peak bodies and universities sent an open letter to Australian governments on COVID-19 and the criminal justice system

### Advocacy and representation

- The NADA Advocacy Sub-Committee meetings have focused on the advocacy priorities of NADA members. In the short-medium term this is on impact of COVID-19, and funding sustainability of the sector, longer term the committee is still discussing the importance of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' final report recommendations
- NADA has been representing members on a range of COVID-19 meeting structures:
  - NSW Ministry of COVID-19 Clinical Council
  - NGO Community of Practice
  - AOD Community of Practice
- The AOD Peaks Network ramped up their meeting frequency to advocate on behalf of NGO AOD services nationally
- NADA is communicating with Simone Walker (Deputy Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice) and other DCJ executive staff to organise a roundtable workshop to discuss ways our sectors can enhance collaborative practice and partnerships, and referral pathways
- Key meetings: Australian Government Department of Health, NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Department of Communities and Justice, NSW Council of Social Services
- NADA participated in monthly Peaks Capacity Building Network teleconferences

Information on NADA's policy and advocacy work, including Sector Watch and the meetings that NADA represents its members, is available on the NADA website [here](#).