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Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA and a network of NSW peak bodies sent a letter to the NSW Premier regarding the bushfire disaster to request a meeting to discuss a coordinated approach to responding
- NADA provided feedback on the Alcohol Treatment Guidelines section for sexuality and gender diverse populations
- NADA provided feedback on the revised Withdrawal Guidelines and promoted consultation with specialist networks
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to the Public Inquiry into public communication campaigns targeting drug and substance abuse
- Brief provided to Advisor to the NSW Minister for Health on NADA member advocacy priorities
- The latest NADA [Sector Watch](#) and update on the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'.
- NADA and group of peaks nationally have provided a joint letter to Senators regarding the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019

Advocacy and representation

- NADA held a consultation with members to prepare for the public release of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' final report.
- Key meetings: Australian Government Department of Health, NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Council of Social Services Forum of Non Government Organisations, AOD Peaks Network
- Meeting with the AOD Advisor to the NSW Minister for Health to discuss member advocacy priorities and the final report of the Special Commission on the drug 'Ice'.
- NADA participated in monthly Peaks Capacity Building Network teleconference and will undertake a workforce developing mapping exercise to identify strengths and gaps at a national level
- NADA presented on language and stigma at the Hepatitis NSW workshop *Get Bloody Serious - A Hepatitis Workshop*
- NADA attended a NSW Ministry of Health sector wide workshop to develop a strategic prioritisation framework for alcohol and other drugs research and evaluation in NSW.
- NADA has established a Gender and Sexuality Diverse AOD Worker Network. The purpose of the network is support workers and improve services for gender and sexuality diverse people.
- NADA coordinated a consultation with NADA members regarding Take Home Naloxone (THN) and participated in the review panel for a THN training provider

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](#).