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Policy and submissions

- NADA sent a letter to the NSW Premier advising that the sector is expecting a response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' as part of the NSW Budget in June.
- NADA CEO provided Croakey Health Media with [the sector's Federal election priorities](#).
- NADA has provided a submission to the 'Medicine, Poisons, Therapeutic Goods Bill 2022' and will continue to engage with government to support the development of this new Bill.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA along with other peak bodies representing NSW Government funded NGOs wrote to the NSW Treasurer and Ministers calling for the government to match the wage increases and apply indexation to reflect real costs.
- NADA and the AOD Peak Network have written to Minister Butler requesting to discuss the inconsistent application of indexations as an urgent priority.
- Prior to the NSW Budget being handed down, NADA produced a media release [People needing alcohol and other drugs services across NSW ignored in the NSW Budget](#), urging the government to provide a response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug Ice as part of the Budget.
- NADA released an issues paper on [Challenges and opportunities for the non government alcohol and other drugs workforce](#) to highlight the critical issues facing the NSW NGO AOD sector.
- The NADA CEO provided a keynote address at the Addictions Conference in May on workforce challenges and opportunities.
- NADA presented to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare NMDS Working Group showcase our inclusion of gender and sexuality diversity in the NMDS, as well as non government representation on AOD data governance structures.
- NADA continues to represent the sector on the Dubbo Residential Rehabilitation and Withdrawal Centre Project Team.
- Ongoing meeting representation: NSW Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Clinical Council](#), NGO CoP and AOD CoP. NCOSS Health Equity Alliance.
- Key meetings: Department of Health, Department of Social Services – Community Grants Hub, NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council, AOD Peaks Network, DACRIN, FAMS, LGBTIQ Health Alliance, NUAA, NCOSS, MHCC and NCETA.

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](#).