

## September 2022

### Policy and submissions

- NADA CEO was invited to do an [OpEd piece](#) for Croakey Health Media relating to the NSW Governments inaction on the Special Commission.
- 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. Following this NADA met with NSW Ministry of Health CAOD, DSS Community Grants Hub and Community Services & Health Industry Training Advisory Board to discuss highlighted strategies.
- NADA and NSW NGO Peaks wrote to NSW Treasurer and NSW Health Minister Hazzard calling for government to match wage increases and apply indexation to reflect real costs.
- AOD Peaks Network wrote to Minister Butler requesting a consistent approach to application of indexation. A letter was also sent the Department of Health, PHN Branch, on the inconsistencies between NSW PHNs providing indexation to commissioned NGOs.
- NADA provided a media release following the NSW Government response to the Special Commission and wrote to thank Minister Hazzard, Shadow Premier Chris Minns MP and Michael Coutts-Trotter for their role in the response. NADA have since scheduled a meeting with Minister Hazzard to discuss NADA's involvement in implementation.

### Advocacy and representation

- NADA, NUAA and a representative from the Chapter of Addiction Medicine met with the Secretary, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding the Special Commission.
- NADA met with the Member for Sydney, Alex Greenwich, to discuss the Special Commission.
- NADA with the AOD Peaks Network met with Ged Kearney MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Department of Health, PHN Branch and ATODS Branch, to discuss inconsistencies between PHNs providing indexation to commissioned services, as well as national AOD governance arrangements.
- NADA CEO and Aboriginal Program Manager have participated in a number of consultations for the National Indigenous Australians Agency regarding new funding that will be made available.
- NADA CEO attended the NSW NGO Closing the Gap Roundtable hosted by NCOSS and the NSW Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- NADA continues to represent the sector with key stakeholders: NSW Ministry of Health; Department of Health; DSS Community Grants Hub, NCOSS; NUAA; AADC; DACRIN; AOD Peaks network; PHN AOD Network; CSH ITAB, NSW TAFE Industry Collaboration Reference Group, NCETA, ADF, The Matilda Centre, ACT Health.
- Ongoing meeting representation: NSW Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Clinical Council](#), NGO CoP and AOD CoP. DAPC, NGO AOD Reference Group, Stigma and Discrimination Steering Committee, NSW Ministry of Health AOD Quality in Treatment, Dubbo Residential Rehabilitation and Withdrawal Centre Project Team, NCOSS Health Equity Alliance, CMHDARN Operations Meeting and CMHDARN Reference Group Meeting, CESPHN AOD Advisory Committee.

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](#).