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Policy and submissions

- NADA were invited by the NSW Ministry of Health CAOD to review and provide feedback on the draft NSW AOD Workforce Strategy.
- NADA provided input to a number of submissions that were coordinated by Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC) available on their [website](#)

Advocacy and representation

- NADA CEO and NADA Deputy CEO met with Senior Policy Advisor to the Health Minister to discuss priorities for inclusion on the NSW Drug Summit Terms of Reference.
- NADA CEO wrote an Op-Ed piece for the Daily Telegraph 24 May 2023 on the importance of a NSW Drug Summit and key outcomes that are needed for the AOD NGO sector.
- NADA has engaged a public relations organisation who have consulted with the Board and Advocacy Sub-Committee to develop key strategies to support NADA's positioning and advocacy around the NSW Drug Summit.
- NADA attended a number of meetings regarding SCI implementation, including roundtable discussions on the NSW AOD Peer Workforce and Aboriginal AOD Workforce sub strategies.
- NADA continue to engage with our ACCHO members for guidance on advocacy around the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Represent the sector to: NSW Ministry of Health; Department of Health and Aged Care; DSS Community Grants Hub; NIAA; PHNs; ACDAN; ADARRN; AADC; State and Territory AOD Peaks Network and Policy Officers Network; DACRIN; DPMP; FDS; MHCC; Health Consumers NSW; DCJ child protection; NCOSS; NCETA; NDARC; NCCRED and more.

Meeting representation: NSW Health NGO Advisory Committee; DAPC, QIT, ACI D&A Executive Committee; MoH CAOD Treatment and Support Hubs Project Group, MoH CAOD Employee Value Proposition Advisory Group, NCOSS FONGA; CMHDARN Operations Meeting & Reference Group, HCV Strategy Implementation Committee, BBV and AOD Working Group, Consultation on 10 Year DFV Workforce Strategy, OTP Funding Arrangements NGO COP NSW MoH, Project Advisory Group AOD Information Access and Support Model NSW MoH.

NADA staff presented at: Aboriginal Corporation Drug and Alcohol Network Symposium; NDARC webinar; UNSW health policy lecture; QIT, Victorian AOD Service Provider's Conference, Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs Council (ATCD) Conference, Rosebank College's Industry Expo on career paths into the AOD sector.

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](#).