

Representation and submissions

APS strategic advocacy and contribution to community wellbeing was supported through representation on a large number of influential advisory groups and committees, and through the preparation of formal submissions to inquiries and reviews.

APS representation

Child and Youth

- Australian Child and Adolescent Trauma Loss and Grief Network
- Early Childhood Intervention Australia (ECIA) Expert Advisory Group
- headspace - Board
- Victorian Department of Education and Training Learning Difficulties and Dyslexia Working Group
- KidsMatter

Community

- Climate and Health Alliance
- Climate Change Reference Group
- Disaster Reference Group
- Work and Development Permit Scheme Working Group

Disability

- Allied Health Professions Australia National Disability Insurance Scheme Working Group
- Amaze (formerly Autism Victoria) Research Committee

E-health

- eMHPrac Expert Advisory Group
- National eHealth Collaborative (representing AHPA)
- National eHealth Transition Authority - Clinical Governance Expert Panel

Health

- Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)
- Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine (ASBHM)
- Australian Allied Health Forum
- Centre of Perinatal Excellence Advisory Committee
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority - Mental Health Working Group
- Medicare Stakeholder Consultative Group
- National Health Performance Authority - Health Care Pathways Expert Reference Group
- National Health Performance Authority - Health Performance Advisory Committee
- National Primary Health Care Partnership
- Palliative Care Network: Expert Advisory Group CareSearch

International psychology

- International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) Board and Executive Members (Co-ordinator of Divisions)
- International Congress of Behavioural Medicine 2016 – Local Organising Committee

Mental Health

- Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Advisory Group - Veteran Mental Health Webinar
- DVA Health Consultative Forum
- General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration
- Mental Health Australia
- Mental Health Professionals' Network (MHPN)
- Mental Health Professionals' Association (MHPA)
- Mental Health Professionals' Network Quality Assurance and Clinical Education Committee
- Mental Health Reform Stakeholders Group
- Mentally Healthy Workplace Alliance (MHWA)
- Private Mental Health Alliance

National registration and accreditation

- Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Professions Reference Group

The APS also participated in consultations with the following organisations / Government Departments

- Australian Health and Hospital Association Primary Health Network meetings
- Commonwealth Department of Health
- Commonwealth Department of Social Services
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Ministerial advisors for rural health and e-health
- National eHealth Authority
- Partners in Recovery Expert Reference Group
- Private Health Insurance
- Race Discrimination Commissioner

APS submissions

Aged Care

- DVA Dental and Allied Health Arrangements Review, January 2016
- National Transport Commission: Assessing Fitness to Drive, Draft Report, January 2016
- Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs – Future of Australia's Aged Care Sector Workforce, March 2016

Child and family welfare

- Royal Commission into Family Violence (Victoria), June 2015
- Australian Human Rights Commission - National Children's Commissioner's Examination of Children affected by Family and Domestic Violence, June 2015
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Issues Paper 9 – Addressing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Primary and Secondary Schools, August 2015
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Issues Paper 10: Advocacy and Support and Therapeutic Treatment Services, November 2015
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Consultation Paper: Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Out-of-Home Care, April 2016
- NSW Health Child Protection Counselling Service – Feedback on Draft Service Standards and Guidelines, January 2016
- Parliament of NSW Inquiry into the Sexualisation of Children and Young People, February 2016
- Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee – Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015, February 2016
- Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing – Department of Justice, Victoria – Gaming Machine Arrangements Review: Consultation Paper, February 2016
- Senate Environment and Communications Committee Inquiry into the harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the internet, March 2016

Representation and submissions continued

- Department of Justice and Attorney-General QLD - Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce Response Team, Strategic Policy and Legal Services – Sexual Assault Counselling Privilege: Consultation Paper, April 2016

Disability

- Victorian Family and Community Development Committee Inquiry into Abuse in Disability Services (Stage 2), October 2015
- Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme – Accommodation for People with Disabilities and the NDIS, March 2016
- Department of Social Services – Feedback on Revised Assessment Process for Disability Support Pension (DSP) from January 2015, May 2016

Federal Budget

- Psychology: Better Minds and Better Lives through Mental Health and Primary Care Services – Submission to the 2016-17 Federal Budget, November 2015

Health service delivery

- Feedback to Cancer Council Victoria/ Department of Health on Draft Optimal Care Pathways: Breast Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer, June 2015
- Department of Health - Australian National Diabetes Strategy Public Consultation, June 2015
- Department of Health - Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce - Medicare Stakeholder Forum – July 2015
- Senate Select Committee on Health - Public Hearing, August 2015
- Department of the House of Representatives - Standing Committee on Health - Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care, August 2015
- Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce Consultation Paper, November 2015
- ARC Funded Research Survey of National Associations in Australia – Australian National University, December 2015
- National My Health Record (myHR) – Input to survey, March 2016

Health workforce

- Statutory Review of the Health Practitioner National Law (NSW), August 2015
- Department of Health - Health Workforce Scholarship Programme Consultation, September 2015
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care NSW - Clinical Practice Guidelines Consultation, September 2015
- Office of the Australian Privacy Commissioner (OAIC) – Feedback on Draft Health Privacy Resources, October 2015

Mental Health

- Consultation on the Queensland Mental Health Bill, June 2015
- Guideline Reform - National Health and Medical Research Council Consultation Forum, June 2015
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) - Draft Clinical Practice Guideline for Mood Disorders, June 2015
- Queensland Mental Health Commission – Suicide Prevention in Queensland: Continuing the Conversation Discussion Paper, July 2015
- Department of the Senate - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee - Mental Health of Serving ADF Personnel – Public Hearing, August 2015
- Queensland Mental Health Commission – Queensland Mental Health Awareness, Prevention and Early Intervention Action Plan, August 2015
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Parliamentary Committee on Veterans' Mental Health, September 2015
- National Mental Health Commission – Draft National Consensus Statement on the Physical Health of People Living with Mental Illness, February 2016
- Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee: Australian Defence Force's Resistance to Interrogation Training, April 2016

National registration

- Psychology Board of Australia Public Consultation Paper 25: Consultation on Ending the Higher Degree Exemption from Sitting the National Psychology Examination, October 2015
- Psychology Board of Australia – Public Consultation Paper 26 – Review of Area of Practice Endorsements, March 2016

Social Issues

- Senate Economics References Committee – Inquiry into Personal Choice and Community Impacts, September 2015
- Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Matter of a Popular Vote, in the form of a Plebiscite or Referendum, on the Matter of Marriage in Australia, September 2015
- Senate and Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Conditions and Treatment of Asylum Seekers and Refugees at the Regional Processing Centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea, March 2016
- Senate Select Committee on Unconventional Gas Mining, March 2016
- Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee Inquiry into Domestic Violence and Gender Inequality, April 2016
- Senate Economics References Committee – Inquiry into the Scrutiny of Finance Advice: Additional Terms of Reference and Call for Submissions on Life Insurance Industry, April 2016
- State Insurance Regulatory Authority – Options for reforming Green Slip Insurance in NSW: Motor Accidents Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Scheme, April 2016