

## March 2021

### Policy and submissions

- NADA provided a submission to the NSW Government Inquiry into Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales.
- The State and Territory Alcohol and Other Drug Peaks Network released a statement on [Alcohol and other drug diversion programs in Australia](#) [PDF].
- NADA provided input into the AADC response to the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report on Mental Healthy
- NADA and DPMP sent a joint letter to Minister Hunt and Minister Hazzard presenting the results of the COVID-19 Impact study.

### Advocacy and representation

- NADA President and CEO met with the NSW Health Minister's new AOD Advisor to discuss the representation at the NADA Conference and the study on the impact of COVID-19
- Representation on the NSW Ministry of Health COVID-19 Clinical Council, NGO CoP and AOD CoP continues, which is now focusing on the roll out of vaccine. NADA has been advocating for members to be involved in supporting the vaccination of people who access our members services.
- NADA is on the NSW Department of Communities and Justice steering committee for the Social Sector Transformation Fund.
- Key meetings: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Department of Communities and Justice, AOD Peaks Network and Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council, Mental Health Coordinating Council, NSW Council of Social Services.
- NADA staff and members are represented on a range of working groups related to the NSW Ministry of Health's Strategic Research and Evaluation Plan.
- NADA continued to take part in the steering committee and working group tasked with informing the development and delivery of a workforce development package and implementation strategy for the NSW Clinical Care Standards: Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment.

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](#).