

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) Sub-Committee

Communique – Meeting 01

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Background

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG)

In 2023 all Australian Health Ministers agreed to the establishment of an enduring Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG), which will provide policy and operational oversight of key national health and medical research reforms. The IGPRG is responsible for delivering the broader policy program including the National One Stop Shop, implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework and the development of a quality standard and accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees.

National One Stop Shop Program

The National One Stop Shop effectively joins up the clinical trial and health research whole-of-life cycle into one operational system (from approval, registration and conduct through to the publication of results) supported by mutually agreed processes and policies.

Ultimately, the National One Stop Shop will make it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to find, conduct and participate in clinical trials and research in Australia.

IGPRG Sub-Committees

As part of its approved arrangements and structures, sub-committees will be established to support the IGPRG and its functions. Some Advisory Groups will focus on seeking views, perspectives and input from external and industry stakeholders, and cross-jurisdictional working groups will undertake operational activities and provide technical advice to IGPRG in support of its initiatives and reform agenda.

Update

The inaugural meeting of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 25 September 2024. The IAG is a sub-committee of the IGPRG. The IAG is chaired by Adjunct Professor Julie White.

IAG members collectively acknowledged the importance and ambition of the national reform agenda, Adjunct Professor White reiterated the essential role the IAG will play in informing and progressing this once in a generation opportunity for health and medical research.

Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb AC, FAA FTSE (IGPRG Chair) provided an overview of the background and priorities of the IGPRG and the establishment of key sub-committees that will inform the reforms underway, including the establishment of the National One Stop Shop (NOSS). It was acknowledged that industry stakeholders provide valued input to the development of the NOSS and related national initiatives, including by providing sector and industry perspectives.

IAG members discussed and accepted the Terms of Reference. It was agreed that a brief communique will be developed following each meeting to summarise key actions and outcomes for broader circulation.

The next IAG meeting is 11 December 2024.