

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

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

Communique – Meeting 03

9 April 2025

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](#), reviewing the [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#) and the development of [quality standards and an accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees](#).

IGPRG Sub-Committees

As part of its approved arrangements and structures, sub-committees 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.

National One Stop Shop for health and medical research

The National One Stop Shop (NOSS) will streamline health and medical research through a single, national approvals and data system for clinical trials. This will make it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to find, conduct and participate in clinical trials and research in Australia.

Update

The third meeting of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 9 April 2025. The IAG is a sub-committee of the IGPRG. The IAG is chaired by Dr Julie White.

Guests from the National Health and Medical Research Strategy team provided an overview of the [National Health and Medical Research Strategy](#). Following the presentation, IAG members discussed key issues and opportunities regarding the commercial clinical trials and biotechnology sector.

Members discussed opportunities for strategic communications and engagement, and any additional products needed to assist them to champion the national reform agenda. Members

provided input into the IGPRG Communications Strategy and feedback on recent communication products including:

- The new [National One Stop Shop webpage](#)
- The promotion of 'What is a clinical trial?' highlight reels for participants and trial researchers on the [Australian Clinical Trials](#) website
- The [recent IGPRG newsletter](#) and instructions on [how to subscribe](#).

IAG members were then provided updates on IGPRG's national reform program, including:

- the progress of the consultation on the quality standards and an accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) and were invited to discuss issues emerging from the feedback.
- the National One Stop Shop, and the outcomes of the Discovery phase consultation in 2024. Members then discussed the subsequent Pre-Delivery Design phase and the wave workshops which start in April 2025 to gain feedback from representatives across the sector to review the system's functions and to refine workflows and processes.

Before concluding, members participated in a discussion led by the IGPRG Chair, Prof Ian Chubb, on challenges and opportunities in the current global biotechnology environment.

The next IAG meeting is 26 June 2025.