

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

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

Communique – Meeting 04

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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) to 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](#) (NCTGF)
- review of the [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#) (National SOPs)
- [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 IGPRG and its functions. Advisory Groups will focus on seeking views, perspectives and input from external and industry stakeholders. Cross-jurisdictional working groups 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 fourth meeting of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 20 August 2025. The IAG is a sub-committee of IGPRG.

Professor Ian Chubb AC provided an overview of alignment between the [Strategic Examination of Research and Development](#) and IGPRG's national reform initiatives.

Members considered the NCTGF and National SOPs. Members shared their perspectives on NCTGF implementation at sites, operational challenges, strategic considerations, consumer partnerships and demographic data collection.

Members discussed core components and key features of the NOSS. Members provided feedback on NOSS information flows and integration points with the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, ethics committees, and data custodians. Members provided feedback on communication tools to describe NOSS functions.

Members were updated on broader communications activities, including the publication of the [National Reforms](#) video. This video provides an overview on national reforms to support clinical trials in Australia and why they are important. Website updates were noted, with dedicated pages now available for each reform initiative, including IGPRG and its sub-committees.

The next meeting is planned for October 2025.

Further information

Information is available on the [Australian Clinical Trials](#) website, or by emailing IGPRG@health.gov.au.

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