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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](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/about/igprg) (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](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/national-one-stop-shop-health-and-medical-research)
* implementation of the [National Clinical Trials Governance Framework](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/national-clinical-trials-governance-framework)
* review of the [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/national-sops) (National SOPs)
* [quality standards and accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/quality-standards-and-accreditation-human-research-ethics-committees).

## IGPRG Sub-Committees

As part of its approved arrangements and structures, sub-committees support the IGPRG and its functions. Advisory Groups will focus on seeking views, perspectives and input from external and industry stakeholders. 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was held on 3 July 2025. SAG is a sub-committee of IGPRG and is chaired by Professor Walter Abhayaratna.

Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb AC (Chair, IGPRG) advised Members of [Minister Butler’s recent message of support for IGPRG’s national reforms](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/about/igprg).

Prof Chubb then provided an overview of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources [Strategic Examination of Research and Development](https://www.industry.gov.au/science-technology-and-innovation/strategic-examination-research-and-development).

SAG Members were then invited to discuss progress on IGPRG’s national reform program to improve the health and medical research ecosystem. Members discussed:

* preliminary findings from the public consultations on [Quality Standards and Accreditation for Human Research Ethics Committees](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/quality-standards-and-accreditation-human-research-ethics-committees)
* how to improve IGPRG’s current engagement with the clinical trials sector and provided feedback on communications products including:
	+ The new [National reforms](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms) section on the [Australian Clinical Trials](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/) website
	+ The updated [National One Stop Shop](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/national-reforms/national-one-stop-shop-health-and-medical-research) webpage
	+ The regular [IGPRG newsletter](https://us19.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5d358769e5f779a1a830c2bd0&id=433866cec7).

Members received an update on the National One Stop Shop’s Pre-Delivery Design Phase workshops and stakeholder engagement. Members opinions will be appreciated on the co-design of the public-facing portal.

The next meeting is planned for October 2025.

# Further information

Information is available on the [Australian Clinical Trials](https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/) website, or by emailing IGPRG@health.gov.au.

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