

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

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

Communique - Meeting 03

3 July 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) 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](#)
- review of the [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#) (National SOPs)
- [quality standards and 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. 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](#).

Prof Chubb then provided an overview of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources [Strategic Examination of 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](#)
- how to improve IGPRG's current engagement with the clinical trials sector and provided feedback on communications products including:
 - The new [National reforms](#) section on the [Australian Clinical Trials](#) website
 - The updated [National One Stop Shop](#) webpage
 - The regular [IGPRG newsletter](#).

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](#) website, or by emailing IGPRG@health.gov.au.

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