

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

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

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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. IGPRG is responsible for delivering the broader policy program including:

- a [National One Stop Shop](#)
- implementation of [National Clinical Trials Governance Framework](#)
- review of [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 IGPRG and its functions. Advisory Groups 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

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

Update

The fifth meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was held on 23 April 2026. SAG is a sub-committee of IGPRG and is chaired by Professor Walter Abhayaratna.

Members were invited to discuss progress on IGPRG's national reform agenda to improve the health and medical research ecosystem. Members discussed:

- The consultation report on [Quality Standards and Accreditation for Human Research Ethics Committees](#) which will be published soon.
- The revisions to the [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#), open for [public consultation](#) until 20 May 2026.

- The development of 5-10 year strategic priorities for IGPRG's policy reform agenda. Ongoing input from Members will be sought as the priorities and agenda are developed.

The next meeting is planned for 23 July 2026.

Further information

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

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