



# Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

## **Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy: 2017 and beyond**

### ***Fact Sheet 3 –October 2017***

#### **Stakeholder consultation report**

Following 12 stakeholder consultation workshops held in early 2017 across Australia, the Australian Government Department of Health has prepared a stakeholder consultation report. The report provides a summary of key themes and issues raised by participants at the workshops, written submissions and stakeholder meetings.

The finalised report is available on the Department's website at [www.health.gov.au/breastfeeding](http://www.health.gov.au/breastfeeding).

#### **Literature Review**

A rapid review to inform development of the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy: 2017 and Beyond has been commissioned. The rapid review will focus on strategies that have been implemented, evaluated and have been shown to be effective in promoting, supporting, and/or increasing breastfeeding rates and will be finalised early in 2018.

#### **Next steps**

The literature review is scheduled to be finalised early in 2018.

Simultaneously with this process, the Department of Health is reworking the Strategy based on feedback from the consultation process. Conclusions from the literature review will inform the draft strategy before an online consultation process is undertaken through the Department of Health's Consultations Hub at <https://consultations.health.gov.au/>. The online Consultations Hub is expected to be made available in February/March 2018.

#### **Further information**

If you would like further information on this project, please email: [Reproductive.Health@health.gov.au](mailto:Reproductive.Health@health.gov.au).