



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy: 2018 and beyond

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Evidence Check/Literature Review:

The Department of Health commissioned a literature review late in 2017 through the Sax Institute. The evidence check focused on strategies that have been implemented, evaluated and have been shown to be effective in promoting, supporting, and/or increasing breastfeeding rates. The evidence check has now been finalised and has been used to inform development of the Strategy.

The finalised report is available on the Department's website at www.health.gov.au/breastfeeding.

Public consultation

The Department of Health has redrafted the Strategy based on feedback from the consultation process and conclusions from the literature review. Public consultation will be open for four weeks (21 May to 15 June 2018) through the Department of Health's online Consultations Hub at <https://consultations.health.gov.au/>.

Next steps

Following the public consultation process, the Strategy will be redrafted to incorporate the feedback received. The final Strategy will then be circulated to the breastfeeding Expert Reference Group and state and territory officials for final comments.

The final Strategy will then be provided to the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and the COAG Health Council for endorsement.

Further information

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