



National Nursing Workforce Strategy

Strategy Steering Committee

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The first meeting of the National Nursing Workforce Strategy Steering Committee (SSC) was held on 22 June 2023. The SSC has been established to enable key nursing experts from all jurisdictions, plus non-government experts, to guide and shape the process toward a future-focused National Nursing Workforce Strategy (Strategy) that best meets the needs of the community, the profession and service delivery partners.

The Strategy will create a national strategic approach to nursing policy and will consider a wide range of issues impacting the nursing workforce. The Strategy will identify and address national priorities and provide for nurses to work to their full scope of practice, to address Australia's health and aged care needs.

The Strategy will be developed in two stages over an 18–24-month period. Stage One will develop the evidence base for the Strategy through environmental scans, public consultation and a supply and demand study. Stage Two will take this evidence base and develop the draft Strategy and actions. The draft Strategy will be released for public consultation before finalising.

The first SSC meeting focussed on plans for the development of the Strategy including the overall process and initial stakeholder engagement and consultation plans. Broader work related to the nursing workforce at the Commonwealth and jurisdictional level was discussed, as well as updates from non-government members on their key nursing workforce research projects.

Comprehensive consultation will inform development of the Strategy. Public consultation has not yet commenced, however will be conducted via the Department's [consultation hub](#) and a range of other means such as meetings, workshops and focus groups. Stakeholders are encouraged to receive updates on development via the Strategy [website](#) or by signing up to the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer [newsletter](#).