


Regulating for Results

Review of complexity in the
National Registration and
Accreditation Scheme



HAVE YOUR SAY DURING THE REVIEW - CONSULTATION PLANNING

I am pleased to announce the commencement of the Independent Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme), and to formally invite your participation in the NRAS Complexity Review (the Review).

The Review recognises the ongoing importance of the National Scheme and a need to meet community expectations to keep Australians safe through effective and appropriate regulation of their health practitioners.

The aim of the Review is to ensure the National Scheme is fit for purpose, with responsive accreditation and registration arrangements, consistent decision-making, an efficient complaints management and disciplinary process, with capacity to expand if there are risks posed by professions not yet included in the Scheme.

You can learn more about the Terms of Reference for the Review via the website <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/independent-review-of-complexity-in-the-national-registration-and-accreditation-scheme>.

Review Phases and timeframes

The Review will have 4 phases, working to a completion date of April 2025. The timeframes and milestones (including the timing of consultation opportunities) are as per the proposed 4 Phased Review cycle set out in the [NRAS Complexity Review Project Phases](#).

Consultation Pathways


As we are progressing with more detailed planning for each of the steps in the Review, we are seeking advice on how your organisation may wish to participate and contribute throughout the Review.

Broadly, there will be several consultation pathways and opportunities occurring across states and territories:

- **Initial informal information and consultation** is occurring during **June 2024**. This is occurring through the Website and through early connection with stakeholders.
- **Formal Submissions** in response to the Review Consultation Paper.
- **Participation in Policy Design Forums**. These will be held in all jurisdictions and your organisation may elect to have a bilateral forum with the Reviewer, and /or participate in multi-lateral or multi-party forums.
- **Involvement in the targeted consultation to refine proposed solutions**. This will involve iterative discussions with a selection of key stakeholders and aims to work from a “shortlist” of preferred solutions into more detailed solution design and implementation pathways.

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Planning the Consultation and your input

A key element of the initial informal information gathering and consultation process is hearing from all interested parties about topics or specific reforms that will be of particular interest to them and their preferred ways of engaging with the Review.

It would be appreciated if you could advise by 24 June 2024 (through the Review inbox – nrascomplexityreview@health.gov.au, and under the subject heading stakeholder consultation) the following:

- **The details of the best contact person(s) for arranging involving your organisation.**
- **Whether your organisation would envisage making a formal written submission.**
- **Whether your organisation(s) wish to have bilateral discussions during the Phase 3 Policy Design stage and/or participate in multilateral Policy Design forums.**
- **Whether there are specific aspects of the Terms of Reference that are of particular interest to your organisation.**
- **For any proposed participation in multilateral Policy Design forums, what state or territory location would be most suitable?**