

Regulating for Results

Review of complexity in the
National Registration and
Accreditation Scheme

13 September 2024

RELEASE OF CONSULTATION PAPER 1

The Review Team is pleased to announce that [Consultation Paper 1](#) of the Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is now available. This will inform the upcoming stakeholder consultations and to guide the preparation of submissions.

The Consultation Paper presents the evidence collected to date, identifies the issues and emerging themes, and outlines potential reform directions. The Paper confirms that effective health practitioner regulation is essential to assuring the quality, safety and availability of health services. The objective is to promote fuller detailed consideration of actions that can be taken to further strengthen the National Scheme, to ensure that it is fit for purpose and in line with public expectations.

The Consultation Paper is divided into 4 sections.

Section 1: Background and review approach – Details the background to the review and the evidence gathering and analysis approach.

Section 2: Evidence to date and emerging themes – Presents the three themes that have emerged from the research and evidence gathering phase.

- Strengthening Governance and Stewardship.
- Delivering Coherent and Effective Complaint Handling Arrangements.
- Measures to Adapt the Scope, and Manage the Expansion of, the National Scheme.

Section 3: Reform directions and concepts – Presents possible reform directions, including suggesting three potential reform 'concepts' that may advance these. These concepts are intentionally at a high level and are not fully formed proposals or recommendations. The purpose of presenting these concepts is to stimulate discussion and ideas throughout the consultations.

Section 4: Next steps – Presents the processes and timeframes for public and stakeholder participation and input.

HAVING YOUR SAY

Ensuring that your voice is heard is paramount in our Review process. This can be achieved by the following means.

1. **Making a formal written submission.** To do so please utilise the [Submission Template](#) available on our **website** and **submit by the deadline of 14 October 2024.**
2. **From October through to mid November 2024 Policy Design Forums** are being held with stakeholders. The issues and potential reform directions raised in this Consultation Paper will inform the structure and delivery of the Forums.
3. In **January 2025, Consultation Paper 2 will be issued.** This will identify preferred reform options and inform more detailed design of the reforms and their implementation.
4. **Further targeted consultation** will occur in **January to March 2025**, based on Consultation Paper 2.