



Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC)

HTA CCC Communique – 13 May 2026

33rd Meeting of the HTA CCC

Attendees

Consumer members from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) and its subcommittees, the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and its subcommittees, the Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP) Expert Panel, the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Advisory Committee (MRAC) and the Medical Devices and Human Tissue Advisory Committee (MDHTAC).

Departmental representatives from the Consumer Evidence and Engagement Unit (CEEU).

Outcomes

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (HTA CCC) received updates from the Chair, HTA CCC members and the CEEU on current work across HTA processes and consumer engagement activities. Members noted the significant time and effort that consumers and other stakeholders have contributed to the [HTA Policy and Methods Review](#) and other reform processes and agreed practical improvements to consumer engagement should continue while broader reform decisions are being considered by government.

Members received an update on the [Framework for Consumer Engagement in HTA](#), including responses received so far through the [public feedback opportunity](#). The framework remains open for feedback until 26 May 2026. Once the feedback period closes, the CEEU will review all responses and publish a summary of key themes, including how feedback will be considered in finalising the framework.

A key focus of the meeting was a discussion of proposed metrics and indicators to measure the impact of consumer engagement in HTA, including how consumer input informs HTA recommendations and decisions, and how it supports improvements to HTA systems and processes. Members noted the importance of developing a practical approach that can support both immediate and longer-term improvements. Some measures may be applied in the short-term using data already collected through existing HTA processes. Other measures may take longer to implement, particularly where they require changes to systems, new data collection, or coordination across different areas of the department and with other stakeholders. Members

also noted the importance of evaluating consumers' experience of engagement, including whether they feel informed, supported, and able to provide meaningful input that is considered as part of HTA advice and decision-making.

The next HTA CCC meeting will be held in October 2026.