

**Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel
Meeting Outcomes
28 November 2019**

On 28 November 2019, the [Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel](#) held its second meeting. The following is a summary of the outcomes arising from the meeting.

Stakeholder engagement

- The Advisory Panel noted that:
 - stakeholder engagement would continue through regular teleconferences with interested stakeholders to provide updates on the Review facilitated by the secretariat (Department of Health);
 - the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) had approached an expert in homeopathy research nominated by the Australian Homeopathic Association to advise its Natural Therapies Working Committee (NTWC) on the draft research protocol for homeopathy.

Timeline

- The Advisory Panel noted that:
 - the NHMRC NTWC had undertaken significant additional work to develop a comprehensive tiered methodology to accommodate stakeholder feedback on the previous 2014-15 review;
 - the additional work required under the tiered methodology requires additional time for the conduct of the Review; and
 - a third meeting of the Advisory panel is anticipated to occur in January 2020.

Private health insurance regulatory framework

- The Advisory Panel noted the changes to the regulatory framework for private health insurance under the natural therapies changes.
- The Advisory Panel requested a discussion paper in relation to chronic disease management programs.

Research Protocol

- NHMRC will publish final research protocols on PROSPERO to ensure transparency for the sector. The Chair confirmed that development of research protocols will include input from the Advisory Panel and the NTWC.
- The Chair agreed the Advisory Panel could determine what evidence, considered by the NHMRC as part of the evidence base in the 2014-15 Natural Therapies Review, needs to be submitted to the NHMRC for reconsideration in the Natural Therapies Review 2019-20.