

Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel
Meeting Outcomes
16 January 2020

On 16 January 2020, the [Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel](#) held its third meeting by teleconference. The following is a summary of the outcomes arising from the meeting.

Public invitation to submit evidence

- The Advisory Panel noted that:
 - the Department was expecting to open a public invitation to submit evidence for Tranche 1 natural therapies on the Department's Consultation Hub in the last week of January 2020;
 - the Department will provide guidance to the public/stakeholders on what can be submitted; and
 - the Chair encouraged members to disseminate the information to any stakeholders they are affiliated or associated with and support them in making any submissions.

Draft Research Protocols

- The Advisory Panel discussed issues relating to:
 - variation in usual care and outcome measures, including health and well-being and quality of life measures;
 - adjunct therapies;
 - exclusion of cost effectiveness, safety and quality from the review;
 - patient reported experience measures and patient reported outcome measures;
 - inclusion of small studies;
 - study design selection and consistency across all therapies;
 - terminology clarification across therapies.
- The Advisory Panel noted that:
 - they were required to provide feedback on the draft research protocols for Tranche 1(a) as soon as possible to enable the NHMRC Natural Therapies Working Committee to finalise the protocols with the evidence reviewers to commence the evidence evaluations; and
 - finalisation of the draft research protocols will align with closure of the public invitation to submit evidence.