

Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel
Meeting Outcomes
21 October 2020

On 21 October 2020, the [Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel](#) (NTREAP) held its fourth meeting by videoconference. The following is a summary of the outcomes arising from the meeting.

Public invitation to submit evidence

- The NTREAP noted that the:
 - Department of Health's public invitation to submit evidence for Tranche 2 natural therapies on the Department's Consultation Hub was closing on Friday 23 October 2020; and
 - NTREAP Chair, Professor Michael Kidd AM, encouraged members to remind any stakeholders they are affiliated or associated with and support them in making any submissions.

Progress and timing of the Review

- The NTREAP noted the:
 - extended timeframes for the Review until mid-late 2021 and that members would be asked to agree to extension of their terms;
 - procurement of evidence reviewers for Tranche 2 was still in progress;
 - outcomes prioritisation would occur progressively as research protocols were finalised; and
 - next meeting of the NTREAP is planned for February 2021, and is likely to focus on consideration of:
 - Tranche 1 draft evidence evaluation reports; and
 - Tranche 2 draft research protocols and possibly some draft evidence evaluation reports.

Draft Research Protocols

- The NTREAP discussed issues relating to evidence analysis for further consideration by the NHMRC including:
 - subgroup analysis;
 - article screening process involving two reviewers to reduce bias; and
 - non-English studies where abstracts unable to be readily translated.
- The NTREAP noted the:
 - guidance provided to support member input on outcomes prioritisation;
 - inclusion of prevention outcomes for at-risk populations;
 - draft research protocol for naturopathy (Tranche 1(b)) Review A (interventions delivered in the context of naturopathy) to be provided out-of-session for NTREAP input;
 - draft research protocol for naturopathy Review B (selected complementary medicines) development informed by conditions seen by naturopaths; and
 - naturopathy evidence evaluation would incorporate homeopathy, western herbalism and yoga evidence.