
Draft National Preventive Health Strategy

Overview

Preventive health is a key pillar of Australia's Long Term National Health Plan with mental health.

In June 2019, the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP announced that the Australian Government would develop a 10-year National Preventive Health Strategy (the Strategy). In April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minister agreed to delay the public consultation process and extend the timeframe of the Strategy until 2021.

An Expert Steering Committee has provided advice on the development of the Strategy since September 2019. The committee is composed of experts from a range of specialties to reflect the extensive scope of preventive health, including experts from the public health, health promotion, medical, nursing, allied health and consumer advocacy fields.

The Strategy provides the overarching, long-term approach to prevention in Australia by working to build systemic change to ensure the best outcomes for all Australians. Areas of focus for the next 10 years are identified in the Strategy as well as evidence-based policy achievements.

The Strategy will aim to help Australians improve their health at all stages of life, through early intervention, better information, targeting risk factors and addressing the broader causes of poor health and wellbeing.

The Strategy recognises that health is not just the presence or absence of disease or injury – more holistically, it is a state of wellbeing. The approach to the Strategy is not disease specific but rather, it focusses on system wide, evidence-based approaches to reducing poor health.

The Strategy has been developed to fully align with the commitments made under the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap and other key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy initiatives, including the refresh of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, and the commitment to develop a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Plan.

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VISION

The Strategy includes a high-level vision that is outlined on page 8.

4 Do you agree with the vision of the Strategy? Please explain your selection. (1000 word limit)

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- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

AIMS

The Strategy outlines four high-level aims. Each aim includes a measurable target/s in order to track the Strategy's progress in achieving the vision. The aims and targets are outlined on page 8.

5 Do you agree with the aims and their associated targets for the Strategy? Please explain your selection. (1000 word limit)

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PRINCIPLES

Six principles are included in the Strategy to underpin the *Framework for Action by 2030*. The principles are designed to guide implementation and strengthen current efforts. They are outlined on page 8.

6 Do you agree with the principles? Please explain your selection. (1000 word limit)

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ENABLERS

Mobilising a prevention system is a key driver in achieving systemic change and better health outcomes for all Australians. Seven system enablers are identified in the Strategy that are critical to creating a more effective and integrated prevention system for Australia over the next 10 years. Each enabler is accompanied by desired policy achievements by 2030. The enablers and the policy achievements are outlined in more detail on pages 31-42.

7 Do you agree with the enablers? Please explain your selection.
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Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree
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8 Do you agree with the policy achievements for the enablers?
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FOCUS AREAS

The Strategy identifies seven focus areas, where a stronger and better-coordinated effort will enable accelerated gains in health, particularly for communities experiencing an unfair burden of disease. These focus areas have been identified to boost prevention action in the first years of the Strategy and to impact health outcomes across all stages of life. Specific targets and desired policy achievements are also identified for each focus area. The focus areas are outlined in more detail on pages 43-65.

9 Do you agree with the seven focus areas? Please explain your selection. (1000 word limit)

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10 Do you agree with the targets for the focus areas? (1000 word limit)

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11 Do you agree with the policy achievements for the focus areas?
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CONTINUING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

There are many effective and well-designed prevention-based programs and strategies developed by government, non-government organisations and communities that are currently in progress. This element of the Framework for Action acknowledges the immense activity that is already under way to better prevent illness and disease in Australia. It is outlined further on page 66.

12 Do you agree with this section of the Strategy? Please explain your selection. (1000 word limit)

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FEEDBACK

13 Please provide any additional comments you have on the draft Strategy. (No word limit)