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.

Since September 2019, over 6,000 people have been consulted on the development of the Strategy, including eight topic-specific workshops delivered around Australia, as well as an online national consumer survey. Secondary to these activities, a Consultation Paper was developed and was available for public comment from 28 August to 28 September 2020. Over 300 responses to the paper were received. Feedback received on the Consultation Paper has been used to inform the development of the Strategy, in collaboration with advice from the Expert Steering Committee. You can access the now closed consultation, including the Consultation Paper, here: https://consultations.health.gov.au/national-preventive-heal/ /national-preventive-

health-taskforce/consultation-paper-for-the-national-preventive-hea/>

It is anticipated that the final Strategy will be launched in mid-2021.

When responding to the questions with specific examples, it would be appreciated if you could please provide the appropriate source of evidence for your response.

*Please note: in this draft version of the Strategy, there are duplications of references at the end of the document. This will be rectified in the final version of the Strategy.

Why we are consulting

The purpose of this consultation is to seek stakeholder and community feedback on the draft National Preventive Health Strategy. The diverse perspectives, experience and knowledge of all stakeholders and interested members of the community are valued and will contribute to the final Strategy.

Introduction

1 What is your name? Name

2 What is your email address?

If you enter your email address, you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email

3 What is your organisation?

Organisation

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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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.

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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. (1000 word limit)

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8 Do you agree with the policy achievements for the enablers? (1000 word limit)

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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? (1000 word limit)

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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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Please select only one item

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FEEDBACK

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