

# Establishing a National Women's Health Strategy for 2020 to 2030

## Overview

On 2 March 2018, Minister Hunt announced at the National Women's Health Summit in Sydney, the commencement of a process to establish a national women's health strategy for 2020 to 2030. The Strategy will take into account changes in the policy environment, identification of gaps and emerging issues so that health system resources at the national and jurisdictional levels are directed at efficiently addressing the health issues that affect women and girls.

The Strategy will build on the **National Women's Health Policy 2010**

<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/national+womens+health-1>> to identify what is required to improve health outcomes for women and girls and provide a framework for action.

## Who is developing the Strategy?

The Strategy is being developed by the Australian Government Department of Health with assistance from Jean Hailes for Women's Health.

## What consultation has taken place to inform the development of the Strategy?

A National Women's Health Forum held on Wednesday 8 August 2018 brought together key women's health stakeholders, organisations that represent disadvantaged population groups, policy makers and other medical bodies to identify gaps and emerging issues and to present recommendations for action that could be implemented to help address the issues that affect women and girls (from pre-conception to end of life).

A summary of the outcomes of the National Women's Health Forum is available **below**.

## Has there been a review of the evidence?

The Department commissioned an evidence review to inform the development of the Strategy and a copy is available **below**. The evidence review provides an overview of the health and wellbeing of Australian women.

## Why we are consulting

The purpose of this consultation is to seek broader stakeholder and community feedback on the draft National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030.

The diverse perspectives, experience and knowledge of all stakeholders and interested members of the community are valued and respected and will contribute to the development of the final Strategy.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

### **How to give us your views**

Interested parties are invited to provide comment on the draft National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030 through an online survey, which can be accessed **below**. This survey will close at **11:59pm AEST on Monday 5 November 2018**.

### **Online questionnaire**

The online questionnaire covers:

- Section A: Demographics
- Section B: The Structure of the Strategy
- Section C: Priority Areas
- Section D: Research, Partnerships and Progress
- Section E: Overall Comments

The survey will step you through each part of the draft Strategy so it may be helpful to have an electronic or paper copy available when answering the survey.

**NOTE: the DRAFT National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030 is attached for your reference below the survey link.**

Please keep your responses concise and within the question word limits.

The survey may be completed over more than one session. Please retain your login details if you wish to complete the survey at a later time.

### **How we will use your responses**

Your response is being provided to the Australian Government Department of Health to inform the finalisation of the Strategy.

The results of this consultation will be made available to Jean Hailes for Women's Health who are contributing to the finalisation of the Strategy.

Please Note: All responses will be treated as confidential, and no personally identifying information from your responses will be released.

The Final Strategy will be released in early 2019.

### Contact details

If you have any questions, please email your enquiry to  
**preventive.policy@health.gov.au**

## SECTION A – DEMOGRAPHICS

### 1 Please provide your name (optional)

Name

### 2 Where are you based?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ ACT ☐ NSW ☐ NT ☐ QLD ☐ SA ☐ Tas ☐ VIC ☐ WA  
☐ Other - please specify below:

### 3 Are you providing your response on behalf of an organisation?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ No ☐ Yes - please provide the name of the organisation below:

### 4 What is your email address?

Please provide your email address below (optional). It will allow us to alert you to when the Strategy is finalised.

Email

## 5 What is your area of expertise?

If applicable, please specify your area of expertise or your organisations area of expertise:

## 6 Are you providing your response as:

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ a health professional   ☐ a researcher/academic   ☐ a policy maker  
☐ an individual member of the public   ☐ Other - please specify below:

## 7 Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ No   ☐ Yes   ☐ Both

## 8 Priority population group status

Do you identify as a person from one of the priority populations identified in the Strategy? (choose any that are applicable)

(Required)

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women & girls  
☐ Pregnant women and their children  
☐ Culturally and linguistically diverse women & girls  
☐ Member of the LGBTIQ community  
☐ Women & girls from low socio-economic backgrounds  
☐ Women & girls from rural and remote areas  
☐ Women & girls living with a disability & their carers  
☐ Women & girls affected by the criminal justice system   ☐ None of the above

## 9 Does your organisation represent one of the priority population groups?

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation that represents one of the priority population groups listed in question 8?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ No ☐ Yes - please specify below

## 10 In which country were you born?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Australia ☐ Other - please specify below:

## SECTION B - THE STRUCTURE OF THE STRATEGY

### 11 Overall structure of the Strategy

Is the overall structure of the Strategy appropriate and easy to follow? (***relates to the entire Strategy***).

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

### 12 Overall structure of the Strategy - comments

Please provide comments on your selection below (200 word limit).

### 13 Adequate context and background for the Strategy

Do the sections: **About the Strategy, The Strategy in context, Women's health at a glance, Priority populations, Life course approach and What we want to achieve** provide adequate context and background for the Strategy?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

### 14 Is anything missing from context and background?

Relating to Question 13, is there anything missing or anything that should be changed? (400 word limit).

### 15 Strategy blueprint, Policy principles and Strategy objectives

Do the sections: **Strategy blueprint, Policy principles and Strategy objectives** adequately frame the approach for, and intent of, the Strategy?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 16 Strategy blueprint, Policy principles and Strategy objectives - comments

If no was selected, please provide your comments and explain your selection below (400 word limit).

## SECTION C - PRIORITY AREAS

### 17 Do you agree with the priority areas identified for the Strategy?

#### Priority Areas

Priority area 1 - Mental health and wellbeing;

Priority area 2 - Chronic disease and preventive health;

Priority area 3 - Sexual and reproductive health;

Priority area 4 - Conditions where women are overrepresented;

Priority area 5 - Healthy ageing

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 18 Priority areas - comments

If no was selected, please provide comments and explain your selection (200 word limit).

## 19 Priority area 1 – Mental health and wellbeing

Do the priorities and actions specified for Priority area 1: Mental health and wellbeing, adequately address the specific health needs of women and girls in Australia?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 20 Priority area 1 - anything missing?

With regard to **Priority area 1**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? Please provide your comments below (400 word limit).



## 21 Priority area 2 - Chronic disease and preventive health

Do the priorities and actions specified for Priority area 2: Chronic disease and preventive health, adequately address the specific health needs of women and girls in Australia?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 22 Priority area 2 - anything missing?

With regard to **Priority area 2**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? Please provide your comments below (400 word limit).

## 23 Priority area 3 - Sexual and reproductive health

Do the priorities and actions specified for Priority area 3: Sexual and reproductive health, adequately address the specific health needs of women and girls in Australia?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 24 Priority area 3 - anything missing?

With regard to **Priority area 3**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? Please provide your comments below (400 word limit).

## 25 Priority area 4 - Conditions where women are overrepresented

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 26 Priority area 4 - anything missing?

With regard to **Priority area 4**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? Please provide your comments below (400 word limit).

## 27 Priority area 5 - Healthy ageing

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 28 Priority area 5 - anything missing

With regard to **Priority area 5**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? Please provide your comments below (400 word limit).

## SECTION D - RESEARCH, PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRESS

### 29 Investing in research

Do the actions specified for Investing in research, adequately address the specific research needs to improve health outcomes for women and girls in Australia?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

### 30 Investing in research - anything missing?

With regard to **Investing in research**, is anything missing or should anything be changed? (400 word limit).

### 31 Strengthening partnerships

Does the section: **Strengthening partnerships** adequately outline that strong partnerships between government, patients, advocates, healthcare professionals and industry are necessary to implement the actions identified in the Strategy?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

### 32 Strengthening partnerships - comments

Please provide your comments and explain your selection below (200 word limit).

### 33 Achieving progress

What specific targets and measures should be used in this Strategy to determine progress towards achieving the overall purpose of the Strategy to: 'improve the health and wellbeing of all women and girls in Australia, providing appropriate, accessible and equitable care, especially for those at greatest risk of poor health'? (400 word limit).

## SECTION E - OVERALL COMMENTS

**34** Do you have any additional comments? (200 word limit)

