

NATIONAL HEALTH PRIORITY ACTION COUNCIL

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS
NATIONAL CHRONIC DISEASE STRATEGY**

Thank you for taking the time to consider the draft National Chronic Disease Strategy.

The National Chronic Disease Strategy (the Strategy) aims to provide an overarching framework of national direction for improving chronic disease prevention and care across Australia.

As an umbrella strategy for chronic disease, the draft Strategy broadly covers the continuum of chronic disease prevention and care, in particular:

- prevention across the continuum;
- early detection and early treatment;
- integration and continuity of care; and
- self-management.

The key directions in the draft Strategy reflect the need for service improvements at all levels of the health system. At the same time, the Strategy is not intended to be prescriptive about how the key directions are to be implemented, nor is it designed to provide detailed coverage on every element of prevention and care.

The Strategy is being developed jointly by all jurisdictions through the National Health Priority Action Council. Forming part of Health Ministers' health reform agenda, it is planned that the Strategy will be considered by Health Ministers later this year following national consultations. It will be considered at the same time as the complementary disease specific National Service Improvement Frameworks.

Consultations are being held throughout Australia during June 2005 to seek the views of the broader health community on the draft National Chronic Disease Strategy. For further information about the consultation workshops please contact

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A proforma for your comments is attached.

Any comments provided separately to the workshops being held in the States and Territories are due by Friday 24 June 2005. Comments can be emailed to NHPAC@health.gov.au or hard copy comments can be mailed to NHPAC Secretariat, MDP 23, Department of Health and Ageing, GPO Box 9848, Canberra, ACT.

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Proforma for Comments

Question	Comments	Page Number
Is the intent and purpose of the National Chronic Disease Strategy clearly articulated?		
Is the format and language clear and concise? Do any terms need explanation?		
Is there anything that you consider significant that should be included in the text of the document?		
Do you agree broadly with the focus and balance of the Key Directions?		
Is there anything significant that should be included in the Key Directions?		
In your local area of expertise, can you identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • factors which will support the implementation of the key directions and/or • barriers to implementing the key directions? 		
Can you identify two or three priorities where you consider significant improvements can be made within the next few years?		
Do you have any other comments you would like to make?		

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I am involved in the health sector as.....