

Policy & Media Outputs

Position Statements:

The following position statements are in development:

- Inequities in Child Health
- Early Childhood
- Indigenous Child Health

Submissions and Proposals:

 RACP 2nd submission to The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, January 2017

as at December 2017

- RACP Pre-Budget Submission 2017/18, January 2017
- RACP submission to the National Digital Health Strategy Discussion Paper from the Australian Digital Health Agency, January 2017
- Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard Public Consultation, January 2017
- RACP submission to the Review of the Guardianship Act 1987, Question Paper 2, Decision making Models, February 2017
- RACP submission to the Inquiry into the provision of services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition, February 2017
- RACP submission to the NSW Inquiry into the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in New South Wales, February 2017
- RACP Proposal Early childhood and Disadvantage, March 2017
- RACP response (in collaboration with the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural Paediatric Society of Australasia) to the Inquiry into Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Family and Community Development Committee key questions, April 2017
- RACP submission to the NSW Law Commission's Review of the Guardianship Act 1987
 Question Paper 5 Medical and Dental Treatment and Restrictive Practices, May 2017
- RACP submission to the Inquiry into perinatal services in Victoria, July 2017
- RACP submission to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Costs, Productivity Commission Position Paper, July 2017
- RACP submission to the Inquiry into the provision of services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach, August 2017
- RACP submission to the FSANZ consultation paper on infant formula products for special dietary requirements, September 2017
- RACP submission to the National Guideline for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment, November 2017
- RACP submission to the Inquiry into Support for New Parents and Babies in NSW, December 2017

Letters / Public Statements / Contributions:

- Letter to PHARMAC on the proposal to amend listings in the National Immunisation Schedule, 20 January 2017
- Letter to Social Services Select Committee on the Children, Young Persons and their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Bill, 15 February 2017
- Signatory to the open letter to the Prime Minister, Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP on youth justice, 31 March 2017
- Letter to Dr Peter Goss regarding safe and legal administration of insulin in schools, 19 April 2017

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- Letter to Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, Prof Brendan Murphy, on denying child care access to children who are not (fully) immunised, 28 April 2017
- Letter to Queensland Health National Framework for Maternity Services, 1 May 2017
- Letter to The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for feedback on and endorsement of the Maternity Care in Australia Framework, 1 May 2017
- Letter to Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ending corporal punishment of children in Australia, 13 June 2017
- Letter to the Ethics Centre providing feedback on the Proposed Amended Terms of Reference for the independent Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula (MAIF) Tribunal, 16 June 2017
- Letter in respect of RACP submission to Northern Territory Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review, 29 June 2017
- Letter to QLD Health, Communities, Disability Services, and Domestic and Violence Prevention Committee on Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2017, 29 August 2017
- Letter to Communicable Diseases Control Branch relating to the South Australian Public Health (Immunisation and Childhood Care Services) Amendment Bill 2017, 30 August 2017
- Letter to The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists further feedback on the Maternity Care in Australia Framework, 20 October 2017
- Signatory to the Open Statement to the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers: Ensure national action on the Report of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, 20 November 2017
- Joint media statement led by the Human Rights Law Commission advocating to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14, 21 November 2017
- Letter to Minister for Health, Northern Territory Government on 'Starting Early for a Better Future – Early childhood development in the Northern Territory 2018-2028', 30 November 2017

Media Releases:

RACP Pre-Budget Submission 2017-2018	13 January 2017
It's just not cricket – alcohol sponsorship impacting children	22 January 2017
Silly season is non-stop for Australian sports	22 February 2017
Parents not tuned in to health impact of alcohol ad loophole	23 March 2017
Cricket Australia drops ball with another alcohol sponsor	28 March 2017
More needs to be known about ADHD variations	8 May 2017
RACP calls for health equity in all government policies	26 May 2017
Doctors to explore health issues in Refugee Week 2017	20 June 2017
RACP submission to NT alcohol review	7 July 2017
Seal the loophole for alcohol advertising and sports	10 July 2017
World Hepatitis Day: Tackling a global health threat	27 July 2017
New 'Evolve' recommendations to improve obstetric and paediatric care	3 August 2017
RACP: Make health equity the norm	10 August 2017
RACP: Make healthy housing the norm	18 August 2017
Asylum-seekers must be transferred for safe care	22 August 2017
RACP: Make good work the norm	23 August 2017
RACP – Government should heed the evidence	5 September 2017
RACP supports marriage equality for LGBTI Australians	8 September 2017
RACP: Make health equity the norm	11 September 2017
RACP: Make whanau wellbeing the norm	12 September 2017
Doctors criticise gay conversion therapy remarks in marriage equality debate	18 September 2017



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Unnecessary x-rays for children, five+ meds risky for those 65+ and better support for keeping people at work among new medical recommendations	25 September 2017
Alcohol promotion and sport – kids are the collateral damage	27 September 2017
RACP calls for release of asylum seekers in detention	27 September 2017
Close loophole to reduce children's exposure to alcohol advertising	5 October 2017
Opinion piece: LGBTI parenting: 'Love it seems, is the most important ingredient	12 October 2017
Opinion piece – reducing children's exposure to alcohol advertising during sports programs	25 October 2017
Deliver marriage equality without delay	15 November 2017
Doctors welcome Royal Commission findings into Northern Territory youth detention	20 November 2017
Doctors, lawyers, experts unite in call to raise age of criminal responsibility	21 November 2017
New guide to pregnancy and work	29 November 2017
Doctors want tighter restrictions on alcohol advertising	1 December 2017

External Roundtables/Meetings – RACP/PCHD representation:

Name of Meeting	Representative	Date of meeting
Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Dr Margie Danchin	4 April 2017
National Community Child Health Council (NCCHC) meeting	Dr Deirdre White	25 May 2017
National Summit on Overdiagnosis	Dr Rebecca Nogajski	20 July 2017
National Community Child Health Council (NCCHC)	Dr Mary Burke	9 & 10 November 2017

Current External Appointments – RACP/PCHD representation:

Name of External Body	Representative	Date/Term of office
National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee (NTAC)	Prof Ben Marais	May 2016 – May 2021
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Nephrology Working Group	Dr Anne Durkan	August 2016 – current
Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand Policy Committee (PSANZ)	Dr Jane Alsweiler	September 2016 – September 2018
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis Guideline Steering Committee	Dr Jacqueline Small	October 2016 – October 2017
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – General Paediatrics Working Group	Dr Hala Katf	October 2016 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Rehabilitation Working Group	Dr Simon Paget	October 2016 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Clinical Genetics Working Group	Dr Carolyn Ellaway	January 2017 – current





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Australian Government's Department of Health 'Breastfeeding Expert Reference Group' (ERG)	Prof Heather Jeffery	February 2017 – current
Conjoint Committee for Recognition of Training in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (CCRTGE)	Dr Looi Ee	February 2017 – February 2020
The National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Vitamin K Working Committee	A/Prof John Sinn	February 2017 – December 2018
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Immunology and Allergy Working Group	Dr Melanie Wong	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Palliative Medicine Working Group	Dr Sharon Ryan	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Infectious Diseases Medicine Working Group	Dr Philip Britton & A/Prof Pamela Palasanthiran	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Neonatal & Perinatal Medicine Working Group	Dr Mark Greenhalgh	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Neurology Working Group	Prof Peter Procopis	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Medical Oncology Working Group	Dr Frank Alvaro & Dr Toby Trahair	April 2017 – current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Nuclear Medicine Working Group	Dr Kevin London	April 2017 – current
National Allergy Strategy Allergy Prevention Project Working Group	Dr Peter Goss	October 2017 - current
PCHD representative on the Advisory Editorial Panel of Australian Prescriber	Prof John Ziegler	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Cardiology Working Group	A/Prof Gary Sholler	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology Working Group	Dr Ted O'Loughlin & Dr Michael Stormon	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Working Group	Dr Bruce Whitehead	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Haematology Working Group	Dr Julie Curtin	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Paediatric Rheumatology Working Group	A/Prof Davinder Singh-Grewal	October 2017 - current
NSW Health SSCPU. SoCP – Community Child Health Working Group	Dr Murray Webber	November 2017 - current