



## Policy & Media Outputs as at July 2019

### Position Statements:

The following position statements are in development:

- Indigenous Child Health

### Submissions and Proposals:

- RACP submission: Productivity Commission's inquiry into the social and economic benefits of improving mental health – March 2019
- RACP submission: MBS review reports in primary care which are relevant to paediatrics – February 2019
- RACP submission: The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety – April 2019
- RACP submission on the draft [National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People: 2020 to 2030](#) (April 2019)
- RACP submission: The Royal Commission Terms of Reference re Victoria's Mental Health System – June 2019
- RACP submission to South Australian Public Health (Early Childhood Services and Immunisation) Amendment Bill - Consultation Discussion Paper – June 2019

### Letters / Public Statements / Contributions:

- RACP endorsement of support letter to WHO Director General to support the WHO's decision to add Gaming Disorder as a diagnosis in the International Classification of Diseases for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- RACP endorsement of DEA call for stricter licensing conditions for coal fired power stations in NSW, making the installation of modern pollution control technologies a mandatory requirement so as to control emissions of sulphur dioxide (SO<sup>2</sup>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).
- Employment, Poverty and Health Statement of Principles + accompanying Evidence Review paper launched at Congress.
- Early Childhood: The Importance of the Early Years Position Statement launched at Congress.
- RACP endorsement of NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSW CID) Federal Election Proposal which seeks national action on the health inequalities experienced by people with intellectual disability. There is also an open letter to major political parties which supports the proposal.
- RACP membership of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance.
- Inquiry into Support for Australia's thalidomide survivors – letter to the Chair of the Senate of Community Affairs Reference Committee



**Media Releases:**

<a href="#">Medivac bill will provide better access to health care for asylum seekers – RACP</a>	14 February 2019
<a href="#">Health bodies declare Aboriginal youth suicide an urgent national priority</a>	20 March 2019
<a href="#">RACP recognises Indigenous leadership on National Close the Gap Day</a>	21 March 2019
<a href="#">Tackling child obesity and climate change key to achieving sustainable health care</a>	27 March 2019
<a href="#">RACP Congress 2019: Physicians unveil comprehensive plan for the incoming government to improve child health</a>	6 May 2019
<a href="#">RACP welcomes Liberal National Coalition funding for child health</a>	9 May 2019
<a href="#">Physicians say age of criminal responsibility must be raised to help end abuse in custody</a>	13 May 2019
<a href="#">Urgent reforms needed to address abuse of children in custody, as reports of young Queensland boy left abused, naked and neglected</a>	19 June 2019

**External Roundtables/Meetings – RACP/PCHD representation:**

Name of Meeting	Representative	Date of meeting
NZ Ministry of Health discussion of tongue tie	Dr Matthew Hale	1 April 2019
Children's Digital Health Record Clinical Informatics Endorsement Committee	Dr Sandra Johnson	30 May 2019
Australian ADHD Professionals Australia (AADPA) stakeholder meeting on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Guidelines	Dr Yvette Vella	30 June 2019

**Current External Appointments – RACP/PCHD representation:**

Name of External Body	Representative	Date/Term of office
Review of ACHS Paediatrics Clinical Indicator	Dr Sharon McAuley	March 2019
RANZCOG Inter personal violence Global health working group <i>Organised by the RACP International Group</i>	Dr Dimitra Tzioumi	April 2019
MBS Eating Disorders Implementation Liaison Group	A/Professor Michael Kohn	April 2019
Australian Dental Association Ankyloglossia working group	A/Professor John Sinn	June 2019