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**Paediatrics & Child Health Division**

## **Policy & Media Outputs 2015**

*at December 2015*

### **Position Statements**

- *Protecting Children is Everybody's Business: Paediatricians Responding to the Challenge of Child Abuse* position statement, April 2015.
- *Newborn Screening in Australia* position statement, May 2015
- *Sexual and Reproductive Health Care for Young People* position statement, November 2015

### **Submissions**

- National Framework for Health Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families, – 18 February 2015.
- Sexual Orientation Gender Identity & Intersex Rights Snapshot Report consultation – 18 February 2015.

### **Media Releases**

- [RACP supports calls to release children from immigration detention](#) 27 January 2015
- [Minister must release children from detention](#) 12 February 2015
- [Child detention: end this shameful bipartisan policy](#) 13 February 2015
- [RACP paediatricians back Human Rights Commission](#) 24 February 2015
- [Health groups unite to call on the Government to release children from immigration detention](#) 18 March 2015
- [Protecting children report](#) 1 April 2015
- [RACP calls for immunisation action](#) 30 April 2015
- [RACP calls for life-saving changes to newborn screening](#) 26 May, 2015
- [Taking a stand against physical punishment of children](#) 26 May, 2015
- [Understanding and treating transgender adolescents](#) 27 May, 2015
- [RACP welcomes crackdown on sale of e-cigs to minors in NSW](#) 31 August 2015
- [National support from medical groups to release all children from detention](#) 30 October 2015
- [Young people need better access to sexual health care \(PDF 180KB\)](#) 13 November 2015
- [Young people need better access to sexual health care \(New Zealand\) \(PDF 180KB\)](#) 13 November 2015
- [Calls from medical groups to release all children from detention intensify](#) 13 November 2015

- [RACP supports release of first Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation](#)

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### Letters / Public Statements / Contributions

- Medical Workforce Plan for Tasmania, Office of the Chief Medical Officer – January 2015.
- An open letter to Emeritus Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, extending support to Prof Triggs and the Commission following the Australian government’s rejections of the report on children in detention, *The Forgotten Children*, February 2015.
- Consumer testing framework and draft Parent and Carer Resource, AWCH – March 2015.
- Guidelines for Preventive Activities in General Practice 8th edition, Section 3: Preventive Activities in Children and Young people, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, March 2015.
- National Framework for Child and Family Health Services – Secondary and Tertiary Services, March 2015.
- Proposal for a National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguarding Framework, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), April 2015.
- Developing the Third Action Plan (2015-2018) [National Framework for Protecting Children], Driving change: engaging the community – A Discussion Paper, Department of Social Services, May 2015.
- The Use of Photo and Video Imaging in Cases of Suspected Child Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse and Neglect – draft policy, NSW Kids & Families, May 2015.
- Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery Toolkit: a resource for general practitioners and other health professionals, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, May 2015.
- A National Policy Framework For Newborn Bloodspot Screening In Australia – Consultation Survey, Commonwealth Government’s Newborn Bloodspot Screening Working Group, June 2015
- Australian Human Rights Commission’s (AHRC) ‘Forgotten Children’ report – letter to the Australian Government Attorney-General regarding the recommendations of the report, July 2015.
- Victorian Health ADHD response letter, September 2015
- Inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015 – letter to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs, 26 October 2015
- Letter to Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister and to Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection regarding asylum seeker on Nauru, 6 November 2015

### External Roundtables/Meetings – RACP/PCHD representation

Name of Roundtable/Meeting	Representative	Date
ASCIA primary immunodeficiency resource development meeting	Dr David Thomas	7-8 March 2015
ARACY Annual General Meeting	Dr Nicki Murdock	10 April 2015
Newborn bloodspot screening policy framework – consultation workshop	Dr Jim McGill	30 April 2015, 16 September 2015
National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children: Third Action Plan Consultations	Dr Terry Donald	20 April 2015

National Community Child Health Council Meeting	Dr Kerri-Lyn Webb	7 & 8 May 2015
Commission's Atlas of Variation Clinical Committee	Dr Sarah Dalton	30 June 2015
Information sessions about the interface between the NDIS and the Hearing Services Program	Dr Jacqueline Small	19 June 2015
National Community Child Health Council Meeting	Dr Brad Jongeling and Dr John Wray	12 & 13 November
APPA Advisory Board meeting and Conference	Dr Nicki Murdock	21 – 24 January 2016

### External Appointments – RACP/PCHD representation

Name of External Body	Representative	Date/Term of office
FASD Diagnostic Instrument Trial and Implementation project Steering Group	Dr David Thomas and Dr Lydia So	January 2015
Australia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) Advisory Board	Professor Susan Moloney	2012 - 2015
Australia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) Advisory Board	Dr Sarah Dalton	2016 – 2019
Review of the ACHS Australasian Clinical Indicator Report 2007 – 2014, 16 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Dr Nicki Murdock	30 April 2015
Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015 public hearing.	Anne Kynaston	2 November 2015
Launch of the Children's Rights Report 2015	Dr Sarah Dalton	7 December 2015