



Policy & Media Outputs 2016

at December 2016

Position Statements

The following position statement has been published:

- *The Role of Paediatricians in the Provision of Mental Health Services to Children and Young People, October 2016*

The following position statements are underway:

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

Submissions

- World Health Organisation (WHO) Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, January 2016
- Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications - Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet, March 2016
- RACP submission to the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Consultation Paper – Proposal P1028: Infant formula (standards to improve regulation of infant formula products with the P1028), 27 May 2016
- Public Consultation response – Smoke-free playgrounds ACT, 9 August 2016
- RACP submission to the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, October 2016
- RACP submission to the review of the Guardianship Act 1987 – Question 1, 13 October 2016
- RACP submission to the consultation on NHMRC's Draft Report on the Evidence: Parenting/caregiving practices and behaviours to promote the social and emotional development and wellbeing of infants, 7 November 2016

Letters / Public Statements / Contributions

- Letter to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Marketing of Infant Formula: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement, 11 January 2016
- Letter to The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Consultation for the draft Guidelines for preventive activities in general practice (Red Book) – 9th edition – Chapter 3: *preventive activities in children and young people*, 5 February 2016
- Letter to Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, The use of 'caning' on children as a form of punishment, 5 April 2016
- Letter to The Hon Michael Mischin LLB (Hons) BJuris (Hons) MLC Attorney General; Minister for Commerce, The use of 'caning' on children as a form of punishment, 5 April 2016



- Input to the RACP submission to the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists consultation for the draft ‘Clinical Guidance on the Use of Antidepressant Medications in Children and Adolescents’, June/July
- Input to the RACP submission to the State of Queensland (Queensland Health) Consultation for the draft “Queensland Sexual Health Strategy 2016-2021”, June 2016
- PPAC Letter of support for MSAC application for a new MBS item number for Non Invasive Prenatal Testing for the detection of fetal aneuploidies – July 2016
- Feedback on the update to the RACP 2013 position statement on Climate Change and Health
- Feedback on the RACP draft position statement on Environmentally Sustainable Healthcare
- Feedback on the RACP draft position statement on the Health Benefits of Mitigating Climate Change
- Letter to Down Syndrome Tasmania in regard to their request for revision of the terminology used in training, documents and marketing. Related item placed in Pot-Pourri newsletter to Fellows on 26 August 2016
- Feedback on the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) consultation on the draft National Consensus Statement: Essential elements for safe and high-quality paediatric end-of-life care.
- Feedback on (or endorsement of) the Mental Health Commission’s *Equally Well National Consensus Statement on Improving the physical health and wellbeing of people living with mental illness in Australia*
- Comment on the currency of the *2010 NHMRC Joint statement and recommendations on Vitamin K administration to newborn infants to prevent vitamin K deficiency bleeding in infancy (the Joint Statement)* and accompanying resource *Vitamin K for newborn babies* – information for parents, September 2016
- College letter of support for the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) to relevant NSW Ministers, 7 September 2016
- Feedback on The NSW Law Reform Commission’s review on the desirability of making changes to the Guardianship Act 1987 (NSW) – Question 1, October 2016
- Joint RACP and the National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS) response to Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) Immunisation survey 2016, November 2016

Media Releases

<u>Lack of legislation putting Australian youth at risk</u>	19 January 2016
<u>RACP: vaccination prevents infectious diseases and saves lives</u>	2 February 2016
<u>RACP stands united with doctors at Lady Cilento</u>	15 February 2016
<u>Calling last drinks on promoting alcohol to children via sport</u>	3 March 2016
<u>RACP and RANZCP release updated Alcohol Policy</u>	3 March 2016
<u>RACP supports action on availability of sugary drinks in NZ schools</u>	17 March 2016
<u>RACP drives high-value patient care through EVOLVE</u>	7 April 2016

<u>Release of children from onshore immigration detention welcomed by RACP</u>	7 April 2016
<u>RACP calls for Manus Island detainees to be released into the community</u>	28 April 2016
<u>Childhood trauma linked to adult pain in adulthood</u>	16 May 2016
<u>RACP calls for better care of high-risk patients on Nauru</u>	18 May 2016
<u>The RACP welcomes additional funding for health</u>	26 May 2016
<u>New rules needed for marketing infant formula, says RACP</u>	30 May 2016
<u>RACP wants alcohol out of State of Origin</u>	30 May 2016
<u>New Hepatitis C elimination targets</u>	30 May 2016
<u>RACP highlights link between health equity and reconciliation</u>	3 June 2016
<u>RACP identifies health priorities for incoming government</u>	28 June 2016
<u>Research says doctors need to be allowed to speak out about conditions in immigration</u>	1 July 2016
<u>RACP backs Royal Commission but urges immediate support of victims</u>	27 July 2016
<u>RACP welcomes Gooda Royal Commission appointment and calls for health inclusion</u>	2 August 2016
<u>Leaked Nauru reports reinforce RACP health concerns</u>	11 August 2016
<u>Ending the abuse of children on Nauru: We must be better than this</u>	18 August 2016
<u>RACP offers scholarships to increase Indigenous specialist numbers</u>	11 October 2016
<u>Genetics, gastroenterology, cancer and screening for sexually transmitted infections: latest Choosing Wisely Australia® recommendations</u>	13 October 2016
<u>RACP links chronic physical health problems and poor mental health in young people</u>	13 October 2016
<u>Urgent need to tackle antibiotic resistance in New Zealand</u>	4 November 2016
<u>RACP proud to be part of Choosing Wisely launch in New Zealand</u>	7 December 2016

External Roundtables/Meetings – RACP/PCHD representation

Name of Roundtable/Meeting	Representative	Date
The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Consultation Workshop on Clinical Quality Registries	Professor Elizabeth Elliott (Sydney workshop)	29 March 2016
	Dr Andrew Watkins (Melbourne workshop)	4 April 2016
National Community Child Health Council	Dr Louise Martin <i>on behalf of Dr Chris Pearson</i>	12-13 May 2016
The Australian Human Rights Commission talk on the progress of Child Rights in Australia and the launch of <i>CRC25 - the Australian Child Rights Progress Report</i>	Dr Jacqueline Small	10 June 2016
National Coalition on Child Safety and Wellbeing	Dr Dimitra Tzioumi	17 August 2016
Asia Pacific Paediatric Association Business Meeting	Prof Sue Moloney	18 August 2016
The 29 th International Congress of Pediatrics		19-21 August 2016



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Paediatric Association Leadership Advocacy Workshop 	Prof Desiree Silva Dr Janine Spencer	16-17 August 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Paediatric Association Meeting 	Prof Sue Moloney	20 August 2016
Spoke to immunisation as it pertains to the Support And Resources to Assist Hesitant parents with vaccination (SARAH project). http://www.ncirs.edu.au/research/social-research/sarah-project/	Dr Anne Kynaston and Dr Julia Clark	
2016 NSW Innovation and Health Symposium	Dr Sarah Dalton	27 & 28 October 2016
National Community Child Health Council	Dr Sharon Goldfeld <i>on behalf of Dr Chris Pearson</i>	10-11 November 2016
Launch of the Children's Rights Report 2016	Dr Rebecca Nogajski	2 December 2016
Launch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) position statement <i>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</i>	Dr Sally Poulton	7 December 2016
The Australian Human Rights Commission Awards	Dr Sarah Dalton	9 December 2016

External Appointments – RACP/PCHD representation

Name of External Body	Representative	Date/Term of office
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) diagnostic instrument steering group	Dr Lydia So	February 2015 – February 2016
National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee (NTAC)	Professor Ben Marais	March 2016 – March 2021
NSW Health State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit (SSCPU). Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCP) – Paediatric Nephrology	Dr Anne Durkan	August 2016 - current
Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) Policy Committee	Dr Jane Alsweiler	September 2016 – September 2018
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis Guideline Steering Committee	Dr Jacqueline Small	October 2016 – October 2017
NSW Health State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit (SSCPU). Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCP) – General Paediatrics	Dr Hala Katf	October 2016 – current
NSW Health State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit (SSCPU). Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCP) – Paediatric Rehabilitation	Dr Simon Paget	October 2016 – current