



**PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH DIVISION
POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

2017 Mid-Year Communiqué

The following communiqué highlights the key issues of the Paediatrics & Child Health Division Policy & Advocacy Committee (PPAC) for the first half of 2017.

Position Statements

Improving the health of children and young people is a priority for the Paediatrics & Child Health Division of the RACP. To achieve this, the PPAC continues to update published position statements as well as develop new position statements.

Position statements currently under development:

- Inequities in Child Health, led by Associate Professor Susan Woolfenden and Professor Sharon Goldfeld.
- Early Childhood, led by Dr Patrick Tuohy.
- Indigenous Child Health, led by Dr Danny de Lore.
- The PPAC are also scheduled to commence work on a number of previously published position statements which require minor updates.
- Paediatricians also continue to make valuable contributions to whole of College work.

Advocacy

- The PCHD Council and the PPAC have resolved to support an advocacy campaign on inequities in child health. The campaign will include the upcoming publication of the Inequities in Health Position Statement.

Submissions and Proposals

The PPAC have contributed to the following:

- RACP 2nd submission to the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, January 2017
- RACP Pre-Budget Submission 2017-2018, January 2017
- RACP submission to the National Digital Health Strategy Discussion Paper from the Australian Digital Health Agency, January 2017
- RACP submission to the review of the Guardianship Act 1987 (Question 2) Decision Making Models, 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 to Mr Andrew Laming MP - Early childhood and disadvantage, March 2017
- Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard Public Consultation, February 2017
- Senate inquiry into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition, February 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.

PPAC Membership

- [Current membership of the PPAC](#) can be viewed on the RACP website.
- The PPAC are currently seeking a [representative in adolescent and young adult medicine](#).

Meeting Dates

The PPAC have met face to face on Friday, 3 March and are scheduled to meet three further times in 2017:

- TBC in June (teleconference)
- Friday, 8 September (face to face)
- Wednesday, 1 November (teleconference)

If you would like to contact the PPAC Chair, please email paed@racp.edu.au

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