

Ahpra Board communiqué

May 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 16 May 2023 by videoconference. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

CEO report

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- strong progress on implementation of the Cosmetic Surgery review outcomes
- submission of a fees business case for Ministerial feedback
- support from Health Ministers for reforms on sexual misconduct
- introduction to the Qld Parliament of the Bill to amend the National Law to protect the title 'surgeon'
- commencement of the next tranche of amendments to the National Law, including public statement powers.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- discussed emerging issues on accreditation reform and received a presentation from the Chair of the Accreditation Committee
- approved amendments to the Cosmetic Surgery Oversight Group charter to strengthen consumer membership
- discussed the future direction of research, evaluation and regulatory intelligence capabilities within Ahpra
- noted an update on the interim recommendations of the Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings
- noted a presentation on notifications about medical practitioners and an update on the Notifications Strategy 2021-25.

Members also received a comprehensive presentation from Adjunct Professor Danforn Lim on the work of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 20 June 2023.