

## Community Advisory Council communiqué

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### February 2023

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) met virtually on Thursday, 9 February 2023. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands where members were located and paid their respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

### Other business

Matters that were considered by the Council included:

- update on the Draft Engagement Strategy with discussions on improving terminology and community involvement in the implementation plan.
- noted the targeted consultation on how Ahpra and the National Boards propose to use the new power to issue public statements
- noted the paper and update on the meeting held with Robyn Kruk regarding the independent review of practitioner regulatory settings. Ms Kruk emphasized there is no recommendation for a decrease in the priority of public safety. She indicated that the CAC was her main source of consumer perspective.
- provision of feedback on the MBA - Draft revised guidelines: Telehealth consultations with patients. CAC agreed that patient preference for telehealth was a legitimate stance, that for culturally diverse communities and persons with disability/support needs telehealth needed to be a sign-posted, navigated and supported process.
- noted the Accreditation Committee's draft prelim consultation paper on the IPCP statement of intent. The CAC agreed that integrated care should be a given but collaboration was critical – many consumers access care in multiple health settings from multiple people from different professions. The consumer and carer perspective needed to be automatically included in a collaborative model.
- noted the Accreditation Committee's draft prelim consultation paper on the development of a consolidated glossary of accreditation terms. CAC to provide a submission.
- Wide ranging discussion on recent media reports about unsafe practitioners. The CAC agreed to write to Ahpra CEO with recommendations for enhancing the community voice.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Council is confirmed for 23 and 24 March 2023, face to face.

### Patricia Hall

Chair  
Community Advisory Council