



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander health practice
Chinese medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical radiation practice
Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Community Reference Group Communiqué

The Community Reference Group (CRG) met at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

AHPRA update

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, noted:

- the Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA had accepted all recommendations in the report, *Independent review of the use of chaperones to protect patients in Australia*, released in April 2017
- the Senate inquiry, [Complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law](#), was due to report the next day
- National Boards and AHPRA had filed a written submission as part of the Accreditation Systems Review public consultation conducted through February–April 2017, and
- applications were now open for the inaugural Paramedicine Board of Australia and some State and Territory Boards of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Regulatory operations

Members were updated on ongoing work on notifications projects and asked for feedback on online and written materials.

Advertising compliance

Members were notified that the *Advertising compliance and enforcement strategy* for the National Scheme had been [published online](#). Members provided advice on further work on advertising compliance.

Amendments to the National Law

Members provided advice on potential amendments to the National Law, currently in consultation

Meeting with the Chiropractic Board of Australia

Chiropractic Board of Australia Chair, Wayne Minter and community member, Anne Burgess, sought CRG members' advice on engaging with the community.

Next meeting

- The next meeting of the CRG will be held at the AHPRA National office in August 2017.

Mark Bodycoat

Chair
Community Reference Group