

Hearing Health Sector Committee Roadmap for Hearing Health Communiqué 27 September 2018

The Hearing Health Sector Committee hosted a stakeholder forum in Sydney on 27 September 2018 to inform the development of the Roadmap for Hearing Health.

The forum was opened by the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health. Minister Wyatt highlighted the potential for the sector-owned Roadmap to be a blueprint for governments to work to in the future.

The forum was also an opportunity to welcome the Committee's new co-chair, Mr David Tune AO PSM. Mr Tune has been the independent chair of the Aged Care Sector Committee since early 2015, which published the Aged Care Roadmap in April 2015. Mr Tune was previously Secretary of the Department of Finance from August 2009 to June 2014.

The forum identified a number of themes or domains where hearing health can be improved in Australia. These will become the focus of the drafting of the Roadmap for Hearing Health in the coming months.

- Living well in the community, which includes whole-of-community awareness and environment, stigma, choice, education, workplace settings, family supports and good consumer information.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ear health.
- Prevention, detection/identification and early intervention, including across the whole life course, social determinants and primary care.
- Access and affordability, care pathways, support and management across the life course.
- Workforce training, availability, adaptability and quality/capability.
- Innovation and cross-cutting research.
- Monitoring, accountability, quality improvement, cost-effectiveness and costs-benefits.

The Hearing Health Sector Committee is made up of a range of representative stakeholders and was established in July 2018 to progress the development of a Roadmap for Hearing Health. The Roadmap will set out future reform directions and priorities for the hearing sector aimed at short, medium and long-term improvements to hearing health for all Australians.

The Committee has committed to consulting the hearing sector's broader industry and consumer partners during development of the Roadmap for Hearing Health. Previous communiques on hearing health are at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/publications-Hearing>