

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT APPROACH

Suicide Prevention Act: The Commonwealth and all states and territories should progress a Suicide Prevention Act



NSW Labor made election commitment to passing a Suicide Prevention Act, similar to the South Australia legislation

Social determinants: The social determinants need to be addressed to prevent suicide



Addressing social determinants likely be a significant aspect in the forthcoming draft National Suicide Prevention Strategy

Centre-of-government: Appoint Minister for Suicide Prevention to Cabinet, transfer the National Suicide Prevention Office to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet



Suicide Prevention Australia continues to talk with the Federal Government about moving suicide prevention to the centre of government

Social procurement: Government spending should be leveraged to achieve suicide prevention outcomes



Suicide Prevention Australia continues to talk with the Federal Government about options for social procurement

LIVED EXPERIENCE

Knowledge: Lived experience is integrated in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of suicide prevention policies and services



The National Suicide Prevention Office Lived Experience Partnership Group created to ensure lived experience insights and knowledge incorporated into operations and work

Leadership: Lived experience is integrated into governance structures in suicide prevention across government



Suicide Prevention Australia continues to talk with the Federal Government about the need to include lived experience in governance structures

Peer workforce: A National Workforce Strategy includes key priorities and investment for growing, supporting and sustaining the suicide prevention lived experience and peer workforce



Suicide Prevention Australia continues to talk with the Federal Government about the need for suicide prevention peer workforce to be included in the planned National Suicide Prevention Workforce Strategy

DATA AND EVIDENCE

Self-harm and suicide registers: Deliver registers in remaining states and territories. All registers input regularly into the National Self-Harm and Suicide Monitoring System and are available in consistent and useable formats



Data from the Qld, NSW and Vic Suicide registers is published on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) website. Suicide registers exist in Tas, SA and ACT

Data and evidence gaps: Gaps in the availability of data around suicide attempts, priority cohorts and outcomes should be addressed through increased data collection and used alongside outcome-oriented evaluations to inform, target and improve ongoing and future reforms



The ABS has conducted a new National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing and released results of the first cohort of respondents; results from the second cohort will be released in 2023, as well as results from a combined sample

Data governance: Fit-for-purpose data governance structures are required as increased data sharing, linkage and artificial intelligence takes place



The National Agreement on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention includes agreement to establish a governance forum for work on data sharing and linkage

Real-time data: Data on suicides, suicide attempts, self-harm and distress is available in real-time to authorised research and service provision agencies



The AIHW has created an Analyst Portal which includes national morbidity, mortality and ambulance data, with states and territories able to contribute other data, such as suicide register data

Research and evidence: Support research to fill gaps in evidence, improve access to evidence and its use and drive research translation (to ensure that evidence is transferred into practice as quickly and efficiently as possible)



Suicide Prevention Australia administers the National Suicide Prevention Research Fund to support research into suicide prevention. The fund supports research that increases knowledge of the prevention of suicide and effective interventions that reduce the onset and the impact of suicidal behaviours

WORKFORCE, SECTOR AND COMMUNITY

Suicide Prevention Workforce Strategy: National Suicide Prevention Office develop a suicide prevention workforce strategy and implementation plan



The National Suicide Prevention Office has been tasked with leading the development of a National Suicide Prevention Workforce Strategy

Accreditation and quality: Accreditation Standards for Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement are embedded in commissioning processes for suicide prevention services



The Department of Health have advised that their future funding/commissioning model will include the need for programs and services to have either successfully completed or committed to undertake the Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program

Capability building and collaboration: Build sector capability around data and technology, learning from lived experience and priority cohorts



Suicide Prevention Australia has partnered with the AIHW to deliver a series of workshops to build sector capacity around data

Community capacity: Suicide prevention competency is strengthened in the broader community



Suicide Prevention Australia continues to talk with the Federal Government about the need for all Australian to be able to recognise signs of suicide risk, and be skilled at referring for help
