



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING ON 11 JUNE 2025

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) was established pursuant to s.14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drugs Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Mental Health Commissioner) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drug (AOD) and related sectors to ensure advice to the Mental Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by AOD related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring health issues such as mental health conditions.

The AODAB is committed to communicating information about its work where possible, and it was agreed to provide a publicly available communique, in broad terms, about the activities of the AODAB.

This communique provides an overview of key matters discussed at the AODAB meeting on 11 June 2025.

Stigma and discrimination

The AODAB continues to prioritise efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination related to alcohol and other drug use. Detailed advice has been provided to the Commissioner to inform the development of a strategic approach to reducing stigma and discrimination, including the development of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Framework.

This discussion helped shape a shared understanding of how the AODAB can continue to contribute meaningfully and strategically to all aspects of alcohol and other drug use in the community.

Presentation on WA Model for Violence Prevention

The AODAB received a presentation on the [WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot](#). As part of the 2022–23 State Budget, this 4-year partnership pilot between the Mental Health Commission (Commission) and East Metropolitan Health Service aims to reduce alcohol-related violence and injuries impacting Royal Perth Hospital Emergency Department and frontline services.

The presentation provided valuable insights into the potential of this project to drive meaningful change through targeted prevention strategies with partner agencies. The AODAB looks forward to exploring opportunities for alignment between this initiative and its own work in the alcohol sector.

Future Work Plan

The AODAB will develop of a future work plan to prioritise AODAB matters that align with the Commission's objectives on Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030 (in development) while remaining responsive to emerging issues. The work plan will support the AODAB in maintaining direction and ensuring its efforts are purposeful and impactful. This will include ensuring that the AODAB is connected to living and lived experience, key organisations, and community leaders.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 13 August 2025.