
First Interim State Public Health Plan

Overview

Professor Tarun Weeramanthri, the Chief Health Officer of the Western Australian Department of Health is pleased to release the **First Interim State Public Health Plan**

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Public%20Health%20Act/First%20Interim%20State%20Public%20Health> for the first stage of consultation.

The **First Interim State Public Health Plan**

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Public%20Health%20Act/First%20Interim%20State%20Public%20Health> includes:

- a report on the health status of Western Australians and
- the public health objectives and policy priorities for 2017 - 2021

Although the State Public Health Plan is not required to be formally published until Part 5 of the **Public Health Act 2016**

https://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_13791_homepage.html is enacted in approximately 4 years time, the **First Interim State Public Health Plan**

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Public%20Health%20Act/First%20Interim%20State%20Public%20Health> has been developed by the Chief Health Officer and the Public Health Division of the WA Department of Health, to support organisations who seek to be consistent with the public health objectives and policy priorities of the Department.

Why we are consulting

The Chief Health Officer would like to engage with interested stakeholders across WA to inform the development of the State Public Health Plan which will be released once Part 5 of the *Public Health Act 2016* is enacted.

This online consultation is the first stage of the process and is targeted specifically at local government. The second stage of consultation will target State Governments, non-government organisations and the wider community. However, any interested person can complete this survey at any time.

The Chief Health Officer is seeking feedback on the **First Interim State Public Health Plan**,

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Public%20Health%20Act/First%20Interim%20State%20Public%20Health> as well as ideas on how the WA Department of Health can work with our many partners into the future.

The WA Department of Health appreciates you taking the time to review the **First Interim State Public Health Plan**

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Public%20Health%20Act/First%20Interim%20State%20Public%20Health> and providing your feedback in the following survey. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You have the option to save your progress and return to the consultation at any point.

This consultation will close on the **1st December 2017**. Otherwise, please feel free to submit any feedback on the Public Health Act and/or the public health planning process via email to publichealthact@health.wa.gov.au

After the consultation period closes, the Department of Health will consider the submissions received and provide feedback on the outcome of this consultation to stakeholders.

Respondent details

To ensure that this consultation receives representation from a range of stakeholders, we would really appreciate knowing some details about you.

The information you provide in this survey is confidential and will not be reported in a way that identifies any individual or organisation.

Please enter your contact details below.

1 What is your name?

(Required)

2 What is your email address?

(Required)

When you enter your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

3 Please indicate who you represent?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Local government State government Non-government organisation Industry or small business Association group
 Public Other

4 Please add the name of the organisation you represent. If you are a member of the public please type "public".

(Required)

Health status of Western Australians

The First Interim State Public Health Plan is divided into two Parts.

Part 1 of the document relates to the health status of Western Australians.

Once Part 5, section 43 of the *Public Health Act 2016* is enacted, it requires the State Public Health Plan to:

1. identify the public health needs of the State and
2. include an examination of data relating to the health status and health determinants in the State

Health status refers to an individual's or population's overall level of health, taking into account various factors such as life expectancy, amount of disability, and levels of disease risk factors.

Health determinants are the conditions in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age. These conditions influence a person's opportunity to be healthy, his/her risk of illness and life expectancy.

The following questions relate to the health status and health determinants data.

5 What feedback do you have around the health status and health determinants data used to report on the health of Western Australians in the First Interim State Public Health Plan?

6 What type of information would be useful for your organisation in future health status reports for WA?

Objectives and policy priorities

Part 2 of the First Interim State Public Health Plan relates to the public health objectives and policy priorities for Western Australia.

Once Part 5, section 43 of the *Public Health Act 2016* is enacted it requires the State Public Health Plan to establish the objectives and policy priorities for:

- i) the promotion, improvement and protection of public health in the local government district; and
- ii) the development and delivery of public health services in the local government district

The following questions relate to the objectives and policy priorities for WA.

7 What feedback do you have on the public health objectives and policy priorities outlined in the First Interim State Public Health Plan?

8 Are there any objectives and/or policy priorities not currently listed in the First Interim State Public Health Plan that you believe should be considered for inclusion in future State Public Health Plans?

9 Do you believe your organisation could contribute to achieving these objectives and priorities in some way?

Please select all that apply

Yes No Unsure

If you answered no or unsure, please add your reasons in the text box below.

Partnerships

Once Part 5, section 43 of the *Public Health Act 2016* is enacted it requires the State Public Health Plan to describe how the Chief Health Officer proposes to work with local government and other bodies undertaking public health initiatives, projects and programmes to achieve the objectives and policy priorities.

The following questions relate to your ideas for strengthening partnerships into the future.

10 How would you like to see the Department of Health work with your organisation to support the delivery of public health initiatives, projects and programmes?

11 Do you have any other ideas, suggestions or comments related to the future public health planning process required under Part 5 of the Public Health Act 2016?

Follow up

12 Based on the feedback you have provided, a representative from the Department of Health may wish to contact you to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Do you consent to being contacted by the Department of Health to discuss your responses further if necessary?

(Required)

Please select all that apply

Yes No