

National Advisory Panel

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

The National Advisory Panels (NAPs) are established to provide expertise, leadership, and strategic focus on key issues that the AASW is engaged in to further the social policy and advocacy priorities of the Association, and the profession of Social Work.

2. Scope

- The NAPs will be convened and chaired by the CEO (or delegate) as a consultation and expert practitioner mechanism to provide timely advice and feedback on key developments, projects or forums that the Association is engaged in.
- The focus of each NAP will be clearly defined and be responsive to current activities or priorities.
- The AASW staff will draw on the advice and expertise of the Panel members to inform their responses and actions on key activities.

3. Tenure

- Appointments to the NAPs are for six months. Extension of appointments may occur, depending on continuing priorities and activities, to be determined by the CEO.
- Appointments to the NAPs will be made following an Expression of Interest process, and will be approved by the CEO, in accordance with the expertise and experience required.

4. Composition of the Committee

The Panels will consist of *up to* 12 members who have been an AASW member for at least 12 months and are financial members of the AASW, and, depending on nature of the Panel, may include:

- Representation from members based on geographic location (ie State/Territory, rural/remote etc)
- Representation from social workers employed by agencies with significant practice based experience relevant to the focus of the Panel
- Representation from social workers with relevant expertise.

5. CEO role

- The CEO (or delegate) will ensure the NAP functions within its Terms of Reference (ToR)
- The CEO (or delegate) will convene and chair the NAP
- The CEO (or delegate) will liaise with National office and Branch staff on relevant matters discussed by the Panel to inform their social policy and advocacy activities.

6. Reporting

- The NAP Chairs will provide regular updates on activities as they relate to the Strategic Plan.