

# Health in all Policies

**Health in All Policies in the South  
Australian Public Sector...**

**Feedback from conference  
delegates**



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## WHAT EACH AGENCY CAN DO

- **Develop internal structures, processes, single referral/contact point for HIAP**
- **Capacity building strategies for staff to help develop understanding for HIAP.**
- **Examine and build on existing contacts and relations between agencies.**



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## WHAT EACH AGENCY CAN DO

- **Health Impact analysis/health in all policies NOT a “1 hit wonder”...PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROCESS built into planning and development processes**
- **Ensure high level (CE) commitment**
- **HIAP analysis not just for new proposals but use it to review/audit/analyse existing activities and core functions**



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## WHAT AGENCIES NEED

- **HIAP/health impacts casebook: concrete and relevant examples ...e.g. health & transport impacts...health & urban planning impact...health & housing impacts.**
- **Clear evidence base...interactive...what works elsewhere?**
- **Opportunities cross sectors to share experiences and evidence of how to do HIAP...share learnings**



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## WHAT AGENCIES NEED

- **Cross agencies understandings of what are each other critical issues...pressure points...mission critical issues.**
- **Ability/capacity to place additional “lenses” in front of the “health lens” to help us fine tune and focus on particular priority issues...e.g.**
  - **Gender lens**
  - **Sustainability lens**
  - **Gen x lens**
  - **Aboriginal lens**
  - **Intergenerational lens**
  - **Equity lens**



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## WHAT AGENCIES NEED

### Budget Management Issues

Explore different ways of funding which promotes HIAP approaches

- Issues based funding
- Whole of Government mechanisms
- Program budgeting
- Long term funding
- Financial incentives for innovation



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## WHAT AGENCIES NEED

- **Assistance from Health Dept re benchmarking...help us make sense of our health impacts**
- **A “cookbook” of appropriate questions we need to ask to identify health issues in our work**
- **Capacity development**



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## WHAT AGENCIES NEED

- **Ensure local government involvement and ownership of issues**
- **Whole of Government policy commitment to HIAP.**





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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **Whole of government budget system support for HIAP approach**
- **Treasury to develop a tool for assessing bilateral and multilaterals and funding proposals consistent with HIAP**



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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **Promote and strengthen evidence informed policy making across public sector**
- **Long term funding beyond annual cycles**



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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **Recognise the strength of a regional approach...system wide initiatives are good but have limits ensure HIAP can be regionalised and localised to take account of local conditions**
- **Cross agency policies for workforce development for HIAP**



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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **High level policy principles across government which supports HIAP**
- **Need to promote multi level connections between services/agencies...central...regional...local...to support HIAP**



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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **Use SASP as a starting point to develop HIAP and audit existing activities through SASP...”how does what we are already doing contribute/detract from SASP objectives?”**
- **Identify and unblock barriers to HIAP...DPC in prime position to do this (i.e. a helicopter view of government activities)**



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## CROSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- **High level linking...DPC to champion linked up approach for HIAP and other cross cutting issues**
- **Formal across government HIAP policy commitment**
- **Apply HIAP at the developmental/ planning stage...i.e. not at the end when plans are already locked in.**



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## WHAT HEALTH SECTOR CAN DO

- **Provide planning resources and advice...population health data...chronic disease impacts...research...analysis.**
- **Keep shifting resources and effort to prevention and primary health care**



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## WHAT HEALTH SECTOR CAN DO

- **Find ways to strengthen links between Health and Education Portfolios (HIAP...EIAP) both central players and large spenders... powerful synergies which can assist and drive significant reform agendas across government**
- **Health needs to lead by example...get its own house in order**
- **Health needs to do its own HIAP**





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## WHAT HEALTH SECTOR CAN DO

- **Health needs to strengthen its own population health approach**
- **Health needs to align its strength to support HIAP across government**
- **Include young peoples' perspectives in health issues and decisions**



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## WHAT HEALTH SECTOR CAN DO

- **Ensure strong link between Health and Planning**  
SA re health and urban planning
- **Health to develop links with other agencies to ensure early involvement and consideration of health issues in preliminary planning**



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## WHAT HEALTH SECTOR CAN DO

- **Health needs to be open to new ways of working and joint initiatives and mobilize existing resources to new tasks and priorities**
- **Health to provide assistance with the analysis of proposals**
- **Help draw the dots between proposals and health impacts**



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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **We know that “Health is a central issue” ...what are others? How do these core set of issues interact...identify linkages and issues that we all need to consider across government (IIA)**
- **Political courage/senior bureaucratic courage for doing things differently and doing different things...the courage to fail successfully with the analysis of proposals**



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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **We need to be explicit about our assumptions**
- **Concerted effort for workforce capacity development**
- **Value community based nonclinical action for health**
- **Engage with the community**



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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **Make stronger connections with local government for HIAP**
- **Engage the federal government as much as possible**
- **Joint corporate responsibility by CEs across government for HIAP**



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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **Health as a human right**
- **Remember cultural sensitivity**
- **Equity check...ensure what is done does not widen gaps**



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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **Promote formal and informal communication channels between sectors...across agencies and at all levels**
- **Multi disciplinary input into planning processes**
- **Monitor HIAP processes for unintended consequences**





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## WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- **Monitor SASP actions for unintended consequences**
- **Along with workforce development remember capacity development for NGOs and community members.**

