

ADVANCING HEALTH 2026 Oversight Committee

Communique – July 2017

The third meeting of the *Advancing health 2026* Oversight Committee was held on 5 July 2017.

Obesity and physical activity

The committee continued their discussions on obesity and physical activity and noted the need to tailor actions to suit the needs of specific communities and groups.

The committee noted the introduction of the Healthy Futures Commission Queensland Bill 2017, and agreed to present a list of ideas for action to the Commission, once it is established.

Hospitals and emergency care

The committee noted the increasing demand being placed on public hospital and emergency care facilities in Queensland.

Key points of discussion included:

- the success of the government's existing strategies to manage demand, such as the *Keep emergency for emergencies* campaign
- the rising cost of private health insurance and the need for strategies that encourage the uptake of insurance
- the importance of having a comprehensive approach to planning the future for the health system.

Indigenous health outcomes

The committee agreed that the primary focus of the next meeting will be on health outcomes and opportunities to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.