Toolkit Resource:

## Example ways to contribute to public policy

This resource describes opportunities that non-government organisations and individuals can take to advocate at different stages of policy development.

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| **Stage of policy development** | **Example ways to contribute:** |
| Identify issues | * amplify issues in the media
* contact local councillors, state/territory and federal MPs
* support, endorse and share gender-responsive campaigns
* sign joint letters and statements that call for improvements
* collaborate with advocacy groups to champion women's health issues and build commitment to action.
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| Policy analysis | * participate in public consultations, provide lived and professional expertise
* write submissions informed by Australian Women's Health Alliance policy advice
* contribute research and evidence, including current practice in health and social care.
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| Policy instruments | * provide evidence based, fully costed funding proposals at least 6 months in advance of government budgets, to consider funding local, state/territory or national gender-responsive programs and initiatives.
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| Coordination | * join relevant health peak bodies where possible and participate in mechanisms that contribute to policy advice to government.
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| Decision-making | * comment on decision outcomes and share in (social) media.
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| Implementation | * collaborate with government and non-government organisations responsible for implementing decisions
* participate in consultation or advisory mechanisms
* identify the role of your organisation/group in implementing decision
* contribute research and evidence to support implementation.
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| Evaluation | * participate in research that is part of monitoring and evaluating activities
* conduct and share research about the effectiveness of relevant initiatives.
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This resource is from the ‘Introduction to Gender-Responsive Health’ e-learning course by Australian Women’s Health Alliance. Visit the [Women’s Health Hub](https://australianwomenshealth.org/resource/e-learning-course-introduction-to-gender-responsive-health/) at [AustralianWomensHealth.org](http://australianwomenshealth.org) to learn more.

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