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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| Coordination | * join relevant health peak bodies where possible and participate in mechanisms that contribute to policy advice to government. |
| Decision-making | * comment on decision outcomes and share in (social) media. |
| 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. |
| Evaluation | * participate in research that is part of monitoring and evaluating activities * conduct and share research about the effectiveness of relevant initiatives. |

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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