

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.

Stage of policy development	Example ways to contribute:
Identify issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • join relevant health peak bodies where possible and participate in mechanisms that contribute to policy advice to government.
Decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comment on decision outcomes and share in (social) media.
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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](#) at [AustralianWomensHealth.org](https://www.AustralianWomensHealth.org) to learn more.

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