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## **Australasian Council of Health Complaint Entities**

In December 2025 the independent organisations responsible for handling health complaints in all Australian States and Territories and New Zealand established the Australasian Council of Health Complaint Entities [ACHCE].

The ACHCE will provide a single point of access, coordination and collaboration for the entities.

All the entities have roles and responsibilities established in legislation to receive and manage complaints about registered health practitioners and organisations, and non-registered practitioners and organisations.

The health complaint entities meet formally twice each year to discuss issues, collaborate and share expertise and information regarding health services and practitioner regulation.

At the November 2025 meeting, the heads of all the agencies agreed to formalise the group as a Council, in recognition of the growing need to provide a single point of access and coordination for the entities and for other partners and stakeholders involved in health regulation.

The Australian entities all have responsibilities for health complaints management, together with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and National Boards](#), under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). The New Zealand Health and Disability Commissioner promotes and protects people's rights as set out in the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights.

The recent [national independent review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme](#) released by Australia's Health Ministers in September 2025 recognised the need for stronger connection with and between health complaint entities and all participants and stakeholders in the national scheme of health regulation. The Council will provide a single point of contact and connection to enable HCEs' involvement in national governance, strategy and regulation.

The New Zealand Health and Disability Commissioner is a member of the Council and enables trans-Tasman collaboration and understanding.

The ACHCE has a central point of contact at [ACHCE@hcscc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ACHCE@hcscc.nsw.gov.au) so that so that all partners and stakeholders can easily contact the collective entities.

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