

National Vaping Working Group

Meeting 4 – 20 May 2024

Communiqué

The National Vaping Working Group (NVWG) held its fourth meeting in Sydney on Monday 20 May 2024.

The NVWG is co-chaired by Michael Outram APM, Commissioner, Australian Border Force (ABF) and Susan Pearce AM, Secretary, New South Wales Ministry of Health. Participants included senior officials from all state and territory health departments and police forces, the ABF, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and the Australian Federal Police.

Topics discussed during the meeting included:

- agreement to the National Vaping Enforcement Framework, which sets out the national collaborative approach between jurisdictions to enforcement of the laws for vaping goods
- the development of a national strategy for the transport, storage and disposal of vaping goods in the context of enforcement, noting the specific challenges posed by vaping product waste
- development of a training program and resources to support enforcement officials across jurisdictions
- the status of the Commonwealth's legislative reforms to the regulation of vapes
- approaches to operational risk assessments used across Government
- an update on activities at the Australian border since the previous meeting.

The next meeting of the NVWG will be held in Canberra on Tuesday, 18 June 2024.