

# **Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué**

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (the Committee) met on 12 February 2018 in Canberra.

## **Attendees**

Chair: Jo Watson. Consumer representatives from Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee (PBAC), Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC), Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and their Sub committees. Department of Health representatives were also in attendance.

## **Outcomes**

The Committee re-elected Jo Watson as the Chair for a second term, and elected Jan Donovan as the new Deputy Chair, who is the consumer representative on the Drug Utilisation Sub Committee of the PBAC. Both will represent the committee until 30 June 2019.

During 2017, the CCC achieved the following major outcomes:

- developed a position statement of values and principles for consumer engagement in HTA;
- provided advice on departmental projects, in particular the structure and style of public summary documents for MSAC;
- established the CCC web page and initiated public communiques;
- conducted and evaluated a health technology assessment skills development workshop for experienced consumer organisations; and
- worked with three Australian HTA research groups to scope potential priority research projects to enhance consumer engagement in HTA.

The 2018-19 work plan includes further consumer outreach projects to engage and educate consumers about input to health technology assessments of the PBAC, MSAC and PLAC. It also includes an extension of the 2017 workshops, with new participants.

## **Next steps**

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 May in Melbourne, followed by a consumer patient organisation workshop on 15 May.