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GENOMICS AUSTRALIA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Communique

Meeting 3 – 17 June 2026

The Genomics Australia Advisory Council (Advisory Council) held its third meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2026.

The Advisory Council continues to provide independent and expert advice to support the Australian Health Genomics Commissioner in guiding the strategic direction of Genomics Australia.

Members noted progress on Genomics Australia projects:

- Vision and Roadmap for the Future of Genomics in Australia: the finalisation of the Vision and Roadmap articulates a 10-year ambition, signposted by five-year goals across the six interconnected pillars. Ambition statements describe where Australia should aspire to be in integrating genomics into routine health care.
- Precision Health Research Program: Following Minister Butler's recent announcement of additional funding for the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) to establish a Precision Health Research Program, work has begun to develop the grant opportunity that aims to boost economic health care and research capability, improve genetic testing and treatment, and support earlier identification of people at risk of developing disease. More details on the announcement are available here: [Delivering world class health and medical research for Australia | Health, Disability and Ageing Ministers | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)
- National Health Genomics Policy Framework and Implementation Plan 2026-2030: developed in collaboration with states and territories, the National Health Genomics Policy Framework and Implementation Plan 2026-2030 will set out how Australian governments will work together to further embed genomics into the health system.
- International Engagement: a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health New Zealand was signed on 16 March 2026. Negotiations to establish MoUs with other like-minded countries are continuing to progress.

Members provided advice to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing on the integration of genomics in the Population Based Screening Framework, which is being updated to ensure its alignment with contemporary screening practice.

Genomics Australia updated members on fees advice provided to the Medical Services Advisory Committee to support their assessment and advice to the Health Minister on genomic and genetic testing.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is expected to be held in September 2026.