

# PHAA election scorecard

PHAA called on political parties to commit to taking initiatives on five themes this year.

Our analysis of how they reacted is set out below, based primarily on what was announced in the April budget and during the campaign

**1** = worst   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5** = best

<u>Coalition</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Other</u>
<p><b>Prevention</b></p> <p>PHAA called for a serious commitment to lift the proportion of national health system spending that goes to investment in prevention measures from 1.7% to 5%</p>			
<p>No election manifesto commitment to policy philosophy of prevention.</p> <p>2019 Budget initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention awareness campaign for STIs (\$10.0M over 3 years)</li> <li>Preventative and Public Health Research (\$260.4M over 10 years)</li> </ul> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Some commitment to policy philosophy of prevention.</p> <p>Large program (~\$1B) for mental health and suicide prevention reform</p> <p>The new Health Reform Commission would look at the integration of primary health care.</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Clear commitment to prevention by establishing a Preventative Health Commission to roll out assistance and support policy and program-making.</p> <p>Medicare-based Dental care plan.</p> <p>Greens-led Senate enquiry into Obesity identified strong actions.</p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p>(no notable program commitments)</p> <p>(not enough information to assess policy direction)</p>

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<p><b>Protection of children</b>  Measures to protect children from advertising of unhealthy products – alcohol, tobacco, unhealthy foods and others</p>			
<p>No stated position</p>	<p>Review Junk food advertising to children  Strengthen work to limit alcohol advertising to children, work with states to reduce exposure in other settings</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Implementing a comprehensive, evidence-based strategy to combat obesity including banning all advertising and sponsoring of junk food, alcohol and gaming/betting companies at sporting events and during sports broadcasts.</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>(no notable program commitments)  (not enough information to assess policy direction)</p>

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<p><b>Health promotion</b></p> <p>Social marketing campaigns to inform and empower people to make decisions about the key preventable diseases (to tackle obesity, alcohol harms, tobacco etc)</p>			
<p>Funding of a \$20M over 4 years commitment to tobacco campaign funding</p> <p>Commitment to fund the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program,</p> <p>2019 Budget initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perinatal Mental Health and Wellbeing Program (\$43.9M over 7 years) including a pre-natal depression check</li> <li>• National mentally healthy workplaces program (\$15.2M over 3 years)</li> <li>• National Suicide Information Initiative (\$15.0M)</li> <li>• Childhood immunisation awareness campaign (\$12.0M over 3 years)</li> <li>• Budget committed to \$40m on whooping cough vaccine for pregnant women</li> <li>• Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (\$28.4M over 10 years)</li> </ul> <p>No specific policy on alcohol or obesity.</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Funding of \$40M over 4 years commitment to reboot national anti-tobacco campaign to drive Australia’s smoking rate below 10%</p> <p>\$6m to support tobacco-free portfolios to eliminate tobacco from investment portfolios</p> <p>Campaigns on skin cancer prevention (\$8.6M)</p> <p>Develop and implement a National Obesity Strategy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific plans to increase physical activity and improve nutrition”</li> <li>• roll out LiveLighter as a national campaign with a “down payment” of \$39M over 4 years</li> <li>• Invest \$6M in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.</li> <li>• \$260m for a National Bike Paths strategy</li> </ul> <p>Modest action on alcohol including (\$10M) for a campaign on alcohol and pregnancy; and a commitment to National Alcohol Strategy.</p> <p>“Whole of government” commitment to the “First 1000 days” program.</p> <p>Fund campaigns on bowel cancer screening recruitment (\$10m)</p> <p>National task force and registry on industrial dust diseases</p> <p>National platform for consumer health information</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Commitment to fund the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.</p> <p>Update and fund the National Tobacco Strategy.</p> <p>Monitor and assess the evidence around the effectiveness of e-cigarettes as cessation aids.</p> <p>Not a lot of specifics beyond promotion of healthy choices, including a ban on junk food advertising at times of high children television viewing.</p> <p>A comprehensive food labelling system that is strongly enforced, mandates full contents and nutritional disclosure, and allows only scientifically-verified health and nutritional claims.</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>(no notable program commitments)</p> <p>(not enough information to assess policy direction)</p>

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<p><b>Indigenous adolescent health</b>            Programs to improve the long-term health of Indigenous children</p>			
<p>Significant programs funded in 2019 Budget, notably Indigenous youth suicide</p> <p>2019 Budget initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM&amp;C – Indigenous suicide prevention initiatives - 2019-20 to 2022-23 - \$1.3m per year, total \$5.2m</li> <li>• Indigenous suicide prevention (\$15.0M)</li> <li>• Indigenous Health Futures (\$160M over 11 years)</li> </ul> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>A number of commitments to Indigenous health challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30m for youth suicide/mental health</li> <li>• Develop an Aboriginal and TSI Mental Health Plan</li> <li>• \$33m for RHD</li> <li>• 13m to Close the Gao on vision loss</li> <li>• 16.5m to promote healthy choices, incl Deadly Choices campaigns</li> <li>• 3m for Aboriginal Medical Services to develop justice outcomes (as part of \$107m measures for Indigenous disadvantage in the justice system)</li> </ul> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>The Greens’ policy is to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, decommission Don Dale Detention Centre and establish a National Centre for Justice Reinvestment with 50m for a Justice Reinvestment Grants Program</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>(no notable program commitments)            (not enough information to assess policy direction)</p>

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<p><b>Climate health</b> Steps to ensure a healthy environment for current and future generations</p>			
<p>Not committed to effective climate action Direct action program to make grants to emitters.</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Clear focus on climate action through reduced emissions Commitment to develop the 1st National Strategy on Climate Change and Health. However, supports Adani coal mine when Australia should not approve new coal mines. Analysts have also questioned the ALP's commitment to new fracking projects which will contribute to warming.</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Strong policies to address climate change and environmental health</p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Some leading minor parties are supportive of mining industry interests</p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p>A number of prominent independents are campaigning on the need for climate action policies</p> <p><b>4</b></p>