

Public Policy Sub Committee (PP)

Scope

The Public Policy Sub Committee (PP) is responsible for providing expert advice and coordinated responses to external issues relating to occupational hygiene and worker health. The Sub committee monitors emerging issues, engages with government consultations, and leads the development of submissions, ensuring that the AIOH maintains a credible and respected voice in public policy discussions.

Purpose

- To advocate for the protection of worker health through evidence-based contributions to public policy, legislation, standards, and guidance.
- To support the AIOH Council by coordinating timely and informed responses to external matters relevant to occupational hygiene.
- To ensure the AIOH has a proactive presence in influencing national discussions on occupational health hazards and controls.

Role and Responsibilities

The role of the Public Policy is to support the AIOH Council in responding in a timely and coordinated manner to external issues that arise with importance and relevance to the profession of occupational hygiene and in doing so to advocate for the protection of worker health in line with scientific evidence and the aims and strategic direction of the AIOH.

Responsibilities of the Committee include:

- Providing a focal point for coordinating responses to government requests for comment on matters of occupational health.
- Staying abreast of developing issues in occupational health and their importance to the AIOH and highlighting these to the AIOH Council for action.
- Identifying opportunities for the AIOH to contribute to the development of guidelines, standards, information and legislation associated with occupational hazards and providing guidance to Council on how to engage with these processes.
- Reporting back to Council through the President, on issues or opportunities that have been identified and require action.

- Leading submissions on behalf of the AIOH, including taking Counsel, input, and feedback from PP in addition to other AIOH members with relevant expertise.
- Communicating/coordinating with Council on submissions that need endorsement

Activities

- Coordinating the relevant expertise to prepare responses to government requests for comment on matters of occupational health.
- The administrative work of uploading and formatting submissions
- Representing AIOH in external forums that relate to the work of PP.
- Liaising with the AIOH administration team to upload submissions on the AIOH website.
- Responding to external enquiries that come to the AIOH website.
- Staying on top of the latest literature to understand emerging trends.
- Maintaining up-to-date versions of all documents on the AIOH Teams site

Resources

- AIOH Public Policy submission templates and past submission archive.
- Access to the AIOH Teams platform for document management and version control.
- Relevant government consultation portals, regulatory notices, and public inquiry platforms.
- Literature databases, journals, and government reports for emerging trends.
- Support from the AIOH administration team for uploading submissions and maintaining website content.
- Communication platforms (email, Teams) for coordinating with Council, members, and external stakeholders.
- Networks of subject matter experts within the AIOH membership to support submission development and consultation responses.

Membership and Composition of Sub Committees

Membership of this committee will consist of three or more senior members of the AIOH who have the required knowledge, experience, political awareness, and professional networks and must be able to identify and respond to emerging issues in occupational hygiene as they arise. The Sub Committee may at its own discretion, collaborate with other members who may have expertise in a specific area, to help the subcommittee perform effectively.