

Communiqué: HD Redesign Project Steering Committee

January 2026

On Wednesday 28 January 2026, the Higher Degree Redesign Project Steering Committee (HD Redesign PSC) met virtually. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the third meeting of the HD Redesign PSC.

Membership

The four member groups present at the HD Redesign PSC meeting were:

- Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- Australian Government Department of Education
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and
- Psychology Board of Australia.

Business items

Members:

- Noted the Chair's report which summarised:
 - engagement activities undertaken during the the discovery phase of the project in late 2025
 - findings from the independent researcher's report and data collected to inform the consultation paper
 - draft design principles and options for consultation, as well as considerations for implementation, noting implementation is likely to take many years to realise, and
 - progress to develop and publish a public consultation paper by March 2026.
- Discussed the benefits and implications for stakeholders such as students and higher education providers.
- Noted the record of meeting and the terms of reference of the HD Redesign PSC's Risk subcommittee which convened Tuesday 13 January 2026.
- Endorsed a proposed amendment to project timeframes, which includes publishing the consultation paper in late March 2026.

Next meeting

The HD Redesign PSC agreed to meet in May 2026.