

Response template for the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent public consultation

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This response template is the preferred way to submit your response to the public consultation on the draft proposed **Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Statement of Intent**.

Please provide any feedback in this document, including your responses to all or some of the questions in the text boxes on the following pages. The boxes will expand to accommodate your response. You do not need to respond to a question if you have no comment.

Making a submission

Please complete this response template and email to AC_consultation@ahpra.gov.au using the subject line 'Feedback: Proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent'. **Submissions are due by COB 8 August 2023**

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Stakeholder details

Please provide your details in the following table:

Name:	Occupational Therapy Australia
Organisation name:	Occupational Therapy Australia
Interest in joining as a signatory to the final statement	Yes

Your responses to the consultation questions

1. Is the content, language and structure of the proposed statement clear and relevant? Why or why not?
<p>We support the concept of interprofessional collaborative practice and the development of a statement of intent as a means of embedding it across the healthcare system. Overall, the proposed statement is clear and relevant.</p> <p>OTA offers one suggested change that could further improve clarity of the definition of interprofessional collaborative practice. The definition provided is <i>'healthcare practice where multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds work together with patients, families, carers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care that is free of racism across settings'</i>. The highest quality of care should inherently be free from racism. Moving the reference to freedom from racism to the shared vision could provide it with more weight. Furthermore, this reference should be made in the first dot point to accentuate its importance.</p>
2. Is there anything else the accreditation committee should consider that would be helpful to include in the proposed statement? If so, please provide details.
<p>The statement of intent includes a list of shared goals. We suggest that the following two concepts be included amongst the shared goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That professionals recognise and trust each other's knowledge and skills, promoting a cooperative and supportive environment.• That professionals and places of care enable easy access to interprofessional care and support patients and healthcare consumers to navigate services.
3. Do you have any general comments or other feedback about the proposed statement?
Nil.