



## **COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE FRAMEWORK STEERING COMMITTEE**

*The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee is a profession-wide collaborative forum established to progress tasks and initiatives associated with the national competency standards for pharmacists.*

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee released a profession-wide consultation paper in March 2012 on a draft framework on advanced pharmacy practice and invited members of the pharmacy profession to provide feedback.

The Committee met last month to consider the submissions received and to progress the task of finalising this work.

During the consultation phase, close to 1,000 hits to the Advanced Pharmacy Practice web site were registered and approximately 400 downloads of the consultation paper were recorded. Committee Members were satisfied with the level of exposure to and responses from the profession.

Committee Members were grateful to the individuals and organisations who had taken the time to provide very comprehensive submissions. Comments provided through a total of twenty submissions were considered and discussed by the Committee and further work is being undertaken to develop a final draft of an advanced pharmacy practice framework. The Committee will be finalising the document in the near future in consultation with the boards of Steering Committee organisations.

While the finalisation of an advanced pharmacy practice framework is a primary goal, Committee Members have identified potential future work on advanced practice. This includes the establishment of a mechanism or pathway for formal recognition of those pharmacists considered to be practising at an advanced level. The feasibility and priority of future tasks will be considered by the Committee in consultation with Steering Committee organisations.

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