



The National Ice Taskforce

What is the National Ice Taskforce?

The Prime Minister announced on 8 April 2015 the establishment of a National Ice Taskforce to develop a National Ice Action Strategy.

The National Ice Taskforce will be led by Mr Ken Lay APM, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police. The Assistant Minister for Health, Fiona Nash and Minister for Justice, Michael Keenan, will oversee the Taskforce and lead the government's response to the ice issue.

What is the focus of the Taskforce?

The Taskforce will:

- Examine the international and domestic production, distribution and consumption of ice;
- Examine the impact of ice on individuals and communities, including specific populations such as regional and Indigenous Australians;
- Examine gaps in our knowledge about ice;
- Consider the efforts of all levels of government in Australia to address ice;

- Consider the targeting, effectiveness and efficiency of existing international and domestic efforts to tackle ice; and
- Consider options for better co-ordination and new approaches.

Who will be consulted and how?

The Taskforce will seek feedback from the community and expert groups to ensure that all Australians affected by ice have the opportunity to provide input.

Consultations will open to the general public in the week starting 20 April.

In addition, relevant Ministers and members of the National Ice Taskforce will be conducting meetings with key stakeholders and expert groups.

The Taskforce will also be travelling to communities around Australia (including rural and remote communities).

How will the Taskforce work?

The Taskforce will be supported by a secretariat in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet consisting of representatives from relevant government departments.

Key timeframes?

- Consultation will commence the week of 20 April.
- The Taskforce will deliver an interim report to the Prime Minister by the middle of 2015 for consideration by COAG mid-2015.
- The Strategy will be provided to the Prime Minister for consideration by COAG end-2015.

The Taskforce will be working closely with the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs.