***Supplement 1:*** *Public Health Association Australia submission evaluation tool*

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| **Influential element** | **Low influence** | **Moderate influence** | **High influence** | **Very High influence** |
| *Submission quality:* Estimates submission effectiveness in engagement with the public health advocacy process | Submission does none of the following:  - Responds to specific inquiry questions  - Identify and provide evidence for claims  - Outline priorities and strategic approach to issue | Submission does one of the following:  - Responds to specific inquiry questions  - Identify and provide evidence for claims  - Outline priorities and strategic approach to issue | Submission does two of the following:  - Responds to specific inquiry questions  - Identify and provide evidence for claims  - Outline priorities and strategic approach to issue | Submission does all the following:  - Responds to specific inquiry questions  - Identify and provide evidence for claims  - Outline priorities and strategic approach to issue |
| 0 points | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |
| *Government receptiveness:* Inquiries and consultations can be held with no real change based on the feedback and other times feedback can greatly direct change; this depends largely on the willingness of policymakers to respond to the concerns or issues presented to them | None of the following occurred:  - Objective of the inquiry/consultation is policy development, rather than information gathering  - Recommendations from submissions were included in the inquiry outcome response  - Stance taken in the inquiry is in line with Public Health Association of Australia recommendations | One of the following occurred:  - Objective of the inquiry/consultation is policy development, rather than information gathering  - Recommendations from submissions were included in the government response  - Stance taken in the inquiry is in line with Public Health Association of Australia recommendations | Two of the following occurred:  - Objective of the inquiry/consultation is policy development, rather than information gathering  - Recommendations from submissions were included in the government response  - Stance taken in the inquiry is in line with Public Health Association of Australia recommendations | All of the following occurred:  - Objective of the inquiry/consultation is policy development, rather than information gathering  - Recommendations from submissions were included in the government response  - Stance taken in the inquiry is in line with Public Health Association of Australia recommendations |
| 0 points | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |
| No previous hearings, inquiries or parliamentary discussions on issue/topic to demonstrate political priority | Previous hearings, inquiries and/or parliamentary discussions to demonstrate political priority, with no tangible outcomes | Previous hearings, inquiries and/or parliamentary discussions to demonstrate political priority, with tangible outcomes, such as funding or resource allocation | Previous hearings, inquiries and/or parliamentary discussions to demonstrate political priority, with tangible policy outcomes, such regulation and/or legislation |
| 0 points | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |
| *Organisational influence:*Estimates the influence of an organisation within the broader policy space including, how the government perceives the organisation | Organisation was mentioned by name in government response to submissions 0 times | Organisation was mentioned by name in government response to submissions 1 time | Organisation was mentioned by name in government response to submissions 2 times | Organisation was mentioned by name in government response to submissions 3+ times |
| 0 points | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |
| 0-25% of government recommendations after the inquiry aligned with organisation submission | 26-50% of government recommendations after the inquiry aligned with organisation submission | 51-75% of government recommendations after the inquiry aligned with organisation submission | 76-100% of government recommendations after the inquiry aligned with organisation submission |
| 0 points | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |