



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**

# Data Governance and Analytics Committee

## Terms of Reference

The Data Governance and Analytics Committee (DGAC) makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Executive Committee on the whole of portfolio approach to data capture, use, access, release and analytics that drive data sharing and connection, and better informed health policy.

The DGAC leads the oversight and direction for the strategic management and sharing of the department's data holdings, analytics and compliance activities. It is not the primary decision maker in terms of the department's day-to-day business – this remains the responsibility of delegated individual decision makers, as appropriate. Specifically, its scope includes to:

- Provide leadership of the department's data analytics culture;
- Oversight external data sharing arrangements, including with states and territories, through appropriate mechanisms and partnerships;
- Lead and cultivate internal sharing initiatives to connect practitioners, build capability and maximise use of resources, as well as report on all data governance and analytics projects;
- Provide strategic advice to the Executive Committee that:
  - embeds data governance, analytics and evidence sharing practices in departmental and system wide initiatives;
  - enables setting of organisational and whole of system priorities for data capture, use, access, release and analysis towards advancing a policy and programme setting, including technology investment priorities in relation to data governance and analytics through the Finance and Resource Committee;
  - delivers insight through data for departmental policy and programme activities as well as whole of system evidence and trends including to support policy directions through the Strategic Policy Committee;
  - leads and monitors the department's contribution to, and alignment with, the Government's Public Sector Data Agenda;
- Measure, review and advise on the effectiveness of the department's commitment to increase data analytics capability and its impact on policy and programme outcomes;
- Oversight and advise on enterprise level risks relating to data governance and analytics;
- Promote awareness of regulatory obligations in relation to the use of information by the Department in order to ensure compliance;
- Provide policy advice on regulatory 'blockages' in the use of data including recommending whether legislative change should be considered; and
- Assist the Executive Committee to respond to compliance issues raised either externally or internally.