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Senator Xenophon asked:

What are the NWC's strategies for improved engagement across federal, state and territory governments?

Answer:

The Commission has utilised a number of engagement strategies with federal, state and territory governments including CEO level roundtables; meetings of the Chair and Commissioners with Ministers and senior departmental staff; alternating the location of formal Commission meetings between Canberra and venues across the country to allow direct access to local points of view; formal consultation on both the Commission's proposed work program and draft products; jurisdictional participation on steering committees and advisory groups; support for communities of practice; and a range of officer level engagements in all areas of the Commission's work.

The Commission has a similar set of arrangements in place to liaise with stakeholders and industry, with engagement occurring principally through the stakeholder reference group.