

National Forum

Engaging citizens in Australia's future health policy:
Building and applying the evidence.

Date: Tuesday 16 September 2008

Time: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Where: Royal on the Park, Albert St, Brisbane

Cost: \$140/person (all catering and materials provided*)

Event numbers are limited so please reserve your place early

Effective citizen engagement requires the involvement of consumers and other citizens in developing health policy about issues that affect them.

Most policy-makers agree this is a new and very important way that governments need to do their business. It was also a key commitment emerging from the Australia 2020 Summit

But what does citizen engagement really mean in practice? A research process? A consumer representative? Public meetings? Submissions? Publicity to ensure that consumers are on-side for a soon-to-be-released decision? Detailed discussions about the complexities of policy issues?

And what about citizens' role in decision-making? Do they inform decisions? Contribute to decisions? Become integral to the decision-making process?

We invite leaders from governments, non-government organisations and other community organisations, health service organisations and other health industry-relevant organisations, and academic institutions to attend this forum to debate and discuss **how Australia's citizens can have more involvement in Australia's health.**

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*In addition to forum materials, participants will receive the monograph published at the conclusion of the AIHPS Consumer Engagement Research Project.