

# Expressions of interest

## NQPHN Community Advisory Group

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### Call for expressions of interest

The Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) Community Advisory Group (CAG) ensures that practical recommendations and advice from a local North Queensland perspective are included as part of NQPHN's review of investment decisions and outcomes are progressed in accordance with the strategic intent of NQPHN.

The NQPHN Board is currently seeking expressions of interest from community members across the Cape and Torres, Cairns, Townsville, and Mackay regions to join the CAG. CAG membership provides an excellent opportunity to help shape the delivery of primary health care in North Queensland.

Members will be selected to represent the geographical, cultural, social, lifespan, and health issues of the local area. They may include, but are not limited to:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives
- specific health, disease, ability, lifespan, or care issue representatives
- peak body and/or non-government organisation representatives
- local, state, or federal government agency employee representatives (including agencies with responsibility for broader social determinants of health)
- consumer and/or carer advocates and/or agencies.

The aim of the Group is to enable health system improvement and reform in local regions and for identified community groups. Members ensure that community ideas drive improvements in person-centred care to deliver better health outcomes that are locally relevant and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.

The Group also guides and advises NQPHN on how to improve its social impact, cultural security, and the patient safety of programs commissioned throughout the region.

As champions of change, members maximise and leverage their own community networks to improve health outcomes through coordinated care.

The Community Advisory Group plays a key role in helping to guide NQPHN in ensuring activities are connected to and supported by the communities it serves.

The CAG will meet three times per year for up to three hours. Meetings will alternate between Cairns, Townsville, and Mackay, with videoconference access available to members located offsite at each meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 March 2024.


### Selection criteria

- The ability to consider the diverse health needs of the North Queensland community.



*NQPHN acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We respect their continued connection to land and sea, country, kin, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging as the custodians of knowledge and lore.*



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- The ability to make recommendations on health needs and priorities of North Queensland.
  - Must be living in the NQPHN geographical area.
  - The ability to identify and assess complex primary care issues.
  - The ability to promote a culture of best practice based on evidence.

### To apply

- Please submit a cover letter (a maximum of two pages) outlining your experience and detailing the contribution you believe you can make to the Community Advisory Group based on the above selection criteria.
- Email your application, marked NQPHN Community Advisory Group EOI Confidential, to [meehan.weston@nqphn.com.au](mailto:meehan.weston@nqphn.com.au)

Questions regarding the process should be addressed to NQPHN Health System Integration and Innovation Executive Director Karin Barron at [karin.barron@nqphn.com.au](mailto:karin.barron@nqphn.com.au)

### Application and appointment process

Applicants need to be available to attend the next Community Advisory Group meeting online on Tuesday 19 March 2024, from 12pm to 2pm.

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and a short list developed. The final candidates will be presented to the NQPHN Board of Directors for final approval. Unsuccessful candidates will be advised in writing by email.

**Applications close at 4pm, Friday 16 February 2024.**