

# National Health Workforce

Planning and Research Collaboration

A collaboration of:



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**Aim.** To describe the new Australian National Health Workforce Research and Planning Collaboration (NHWRPC). This is a unique collaboration designed to improve the impact of research on health workforce policy outcomes.

## Collaboration history

- Commissioning of a novel health workforce research model – Oct '08
- Investment in development of model and first year research programme – Jan '08 – Jul '09
- Official contract commencement following contract finalisation – Jul '09
- Establishment of Collaboration entity, governance arrangements and committees – Feb '09 with momentum May '09
- Research network fully established – Aug '09
- Year 2 research agenda developed with HWPC – May – Jul '09
- Year 2 research approved on first round by AHMAC within challenging political environment – Oct '09
- Year 2 project initiation – Nov '09

## The investment

- National Health Workforce Taskforce – \$3m over 3 years
- Australian Health Workforce Institute and PriceWaterhouseCoopers \$3m cash and in kind over 3 years.
- Additional resources from Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council
- Over 20 projects commissioned; 9 projects submitted/completed

## Project themes

- Research and Planning
- Clinical training
- Education and Training
- Workforce Innovation and Reform



Key: - - - - MOU  
 ↑ Contract  
 ↑ Affiliations MOU

## Impact of projects

- Non-medical prescribing – facilitated start of national debate
- Macro supply and demand project – tabled to AHMAC, Ministers, Deputy PM & PM – cleared & released by FOI

## Network development

- Health workforce research community of Interest – 60 – 80 researchers
- Health workforce research network database – approx 300
- Close collaboration with policy makers on each project
- International networks

## NHWPRC Think Tank & workshops

- Non-medical prescribing Think Tank event – Jan 2010
- Think Tank Health workforce expert database
- Jurisdictional planner workshops and Chief Nurses workshops
- Nursing Research Symposium development
- Health workforce research agenda planning workshop
- Mental health NGO project – MHWAC & Minister's Advisory Committee on Mental Health