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### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS PEAK BODIES' ROLE IN BUILDING CAPACITY PRODUCING A MORE EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SECTOR

An independent report produced by David McDonald of Social Research and Evaluation has evaluated the capacity building work undertaken by the Australian state and territory alcohol and other drugs (AOD) peak bodies.

The evaluation has identified a wide range of activities, undertaken by the AOD peaks, aiming to build the capacity of AOD services and the broader AOD sector to anticipate and respond appropriately to the AOD needs of the Australian community. An analysis of the empirical data elicited through the evaluation, and the program theory underpinning the peaks' capacity building work, leads to the conclusion that the capacity building work has produced, and is continuing to produce, a more effective, efficient and sustainable AOD sector, producing sound outcomes for AOD clients.

The Australian Government is commended for its commitment to the continued development of the non-government alcohol and other drugs sector through supporting capacity building initiatives such as those delivered by the Australian state and territory AOD peak bodies.

The peaks will use the key findings and recommendations from the report to support their ongoing role in supporting AOD services deliver quality and evidence-based programs in Australian communities.

The report is available to [download here](#).

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