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# FAR NORTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

## **2020-21 Annual Report**

### FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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To:

Hon Stephen Wade MLC

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *Public Sector Act 2009*, *the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and *the Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Far North Health Advisory Council by:

Tim Jackson

Presiding Member

Date 14/10/2021

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Jackson', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

## From the Presiding Member

At the outset I wish to thank our Health Advisory Council (HAC) members for their voluntary commitment and contributions during a year that could only be described as frustrating.

Numerous attempts have been made during the period to improve the operation of the HAC with little success.

A draft annual plan for the year ending 30 June 2022 has been prepared but as yet there is no agreement about how it will be resourced.

We look forward to providing a more positive report next year.



Tim Jackson

Presiding Member

Far North Health Advisory Council

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## Overview: about the agency

### Our strategic focus

<b>Our Purpose</b>	<p>The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.</p> <p>The constitution is available at:  <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC</a></p>
<b>Our Vision</b>	Not applicable
<b>Our Values</b>	Not applicable
<b>Our functions, objectives and deliverables</b>	<p>The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.</p>

### Our organisational structure

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from the Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC)

### Changes to the agency

During 2020- 21 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

**Our Minister**

Hon Stephen Wade MLC is the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in South Australia.

The Minister oversees health, wellbeing, mental health, ageing well, substance abuse and suicide prevention.



**Our Executive team**

Not applicable

**Legislation administered by the agency**

Not applicable

**Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)**

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Ceduna District Health Services Health Advisory Council Inc.

Eastern Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Mid-West Health Advisory Council Inc.

Port Lincoln Health Advisory Council

## The agency's performance

### Performance at a glance

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### Agency response to COVID-19

Not applicable.

### Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	Not applicable
Lower costs	Not applicable
Better Services	Not applicable

### Agency specific objectives and performance

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Not applicable		

### Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

### Employment opportunity programs

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.



**Agency performance management and development systems**

<b>Performance management and development system</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Not applicable	

**Work health, safety and return to work programs**

Not applicable

**Executive employment in the agency**

Not applicable

## Financial performance

### Financial performance at a glance

Far North HAC was unincorporated in 2020-21, so its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of the (Country Health SA) Gift Fund Trust Annual Report 2020-21.

### Consultants disclosure

Not applicable.

### Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	Not applicable

### Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

#### Contractors disclosure

Not applicable.

### Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	Not applicable

### Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable	Various	Not applicable

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

## Risk management

### Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

### Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Not applicable	

*NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.*

### Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non-incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing through Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

### Public interest disclosure

Not applicable.

## Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Health Care Act 2008	Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

### Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

## Public complaints

### Number of public complaints reported

Not applicable.

### Service Improvements

Not applicable.

### Compliance Statement

Not applicable
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Far North Health Advisory Council is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	Not applicable
Far North Health Advisory Council has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency's related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	Not applicable

## **Appendix: Audited financial statements 2020-21**

Far North HAC was unincorporated in 2020-21; its assets and liabilities are included in the (Country Health SA) Gift Fund Trust Annual Report 2020-21.