

Hearing Health Sector Alliance

Priorities 2023

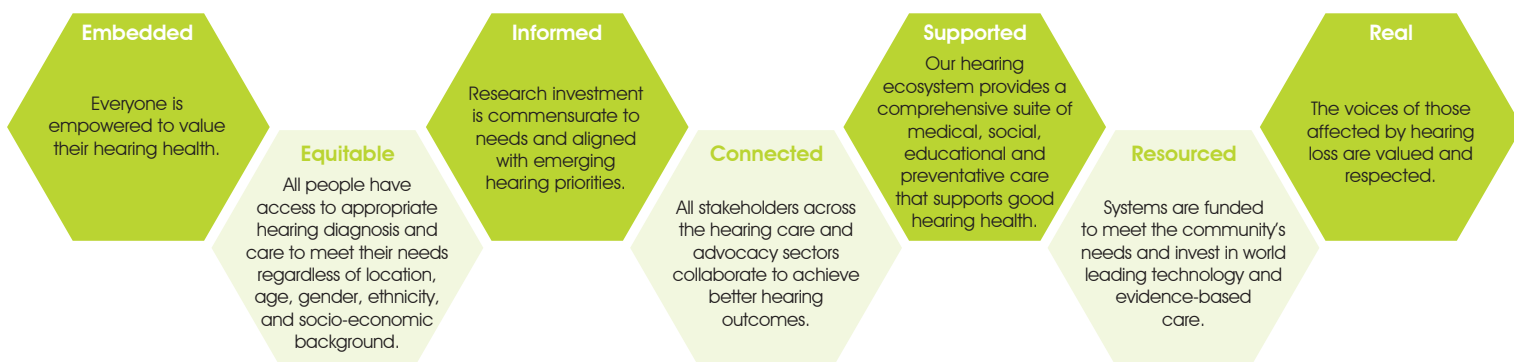
About Us

The Hearing Health Sector Alliance is a group of national representatives from across the hearing healthcare ecosystem; encompassing consumer groups, hearing health professionals, business/industry associations, educators, and research organisations.

Our Aim

All people living in Australia have access to the best possible hearing health so they can live well in their community.

To achieve this, we collaborate, advocate, inform, and provide advice to government, in support of practical approaches that are:



Australia has committed to having one of the best hearing healthcare systems in the world, but we continue to have significant inequity and face considerable challenges.

Our Priority Areas

To achieve improved hearing health outcomes and address these challenges our priority areas are to:

1. Advocate for the very best hearing health care and support for all people who experience hearing difficulty.
2. Close the gap in ear and hearing health for First Nations people.
3. Increase support for aged, vulnerable, disadvantaged Australians and communities.
4. Significantly improve the rural and regional hearing care workforce.
5. Enhance and focus nationally funded research to achieve real, targeted impact.

Key Immediate Actions

Aligned with key reforms and policies, the Australian Government can make some important and targeted investments now to address immediate priorities that will have the greatest long-term impact:

1. **Address disadvantaged communities:** Extend access to the Hearing Services Program to cover the existing program gaps for low-income earners 26-65 and First Nations people aged 26-50.
2. **Early intervention to effect generational change:** Design and implement consistent and culturally appropriate ear health screening protocols for children aged 0-6.



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