

CRANAplus Process for Developing Position Statements

As the voice for remote health in Australia, at CRANAplus we regularly contribute our stance on health policy and issues. CRANAplus position statements are documents that explain our stance on a particular topic or issue. The statement usually contains an explanation, justification, recommendation and aspirational aim.

Topics of a CRANAplus position statements

The topic of a CRANAplus position statement will typically arise from a contemporary issue which is of concern to remote health workers, consumers, stakeholders or the wider remote and isolated health sector. Topics may arise from the CRANAplus Strategic Plan and/or Key Priorities document, or be a topic that remote health professionals are looking for guidance or leadership on because of perceived confusion or controversy among the public and/or workforce.

Use of our position statements

CRANAplus position statements are use in a variety of ways, including:

- Supporting evidence-based change in the remote and isolated health sector
- Informing the development of policy
- Informing submissions to consultation opportunities
- Resources and information for stakeholders and the wider community
- Raising the profile of CRANAplus
- Supporting the CRANAplus advocacy strategy

Development of position statements

Position statements will usually be developed by relevant staff within CRANAplus, working in consultation with individuals and groups who have specific interest or expertise in the identified area. For larger, more complex issues a process of expression of interest will convene a time-limited working group made up of experts in a particular area. On occasion a position statements may be developed in partnership with another organisation.

Accessibility of position statements

CRANAplus position statements are freely available to all audiences including our members, remote health professionals, consumers, stakeholders and the wider community. Our position statements are written in plain English so as to be understood and interpreted by all readers.

Position statement template

A position statement will contain a brief, clear, straightforward introductory statement of the salient issues. Depending on the topic, it may also be accompanied by a literature review, which outlines the evidence on which the statement is based.

The position statement is developed using the CRANAplus template to ensure uniformity in presentation:

CRANAplus Position Statement

[insert title]

Introduction

[type here]

CRANAplus believes

[type here]

CRANAplus recommends

[type here]

CRANAplus commits to

[type here]

Recommended resources

[type here]

References

[type here]

Date of issue [type here]

Date of review [type here]

Process of Development

The topic for a position paper may be identified by the Board, Executive, Members or Staff then will be approved by the CEO. If the topic is likely to be controversial or produce risk for CRANAplus, it will be referred to the Board of Directors for approval.

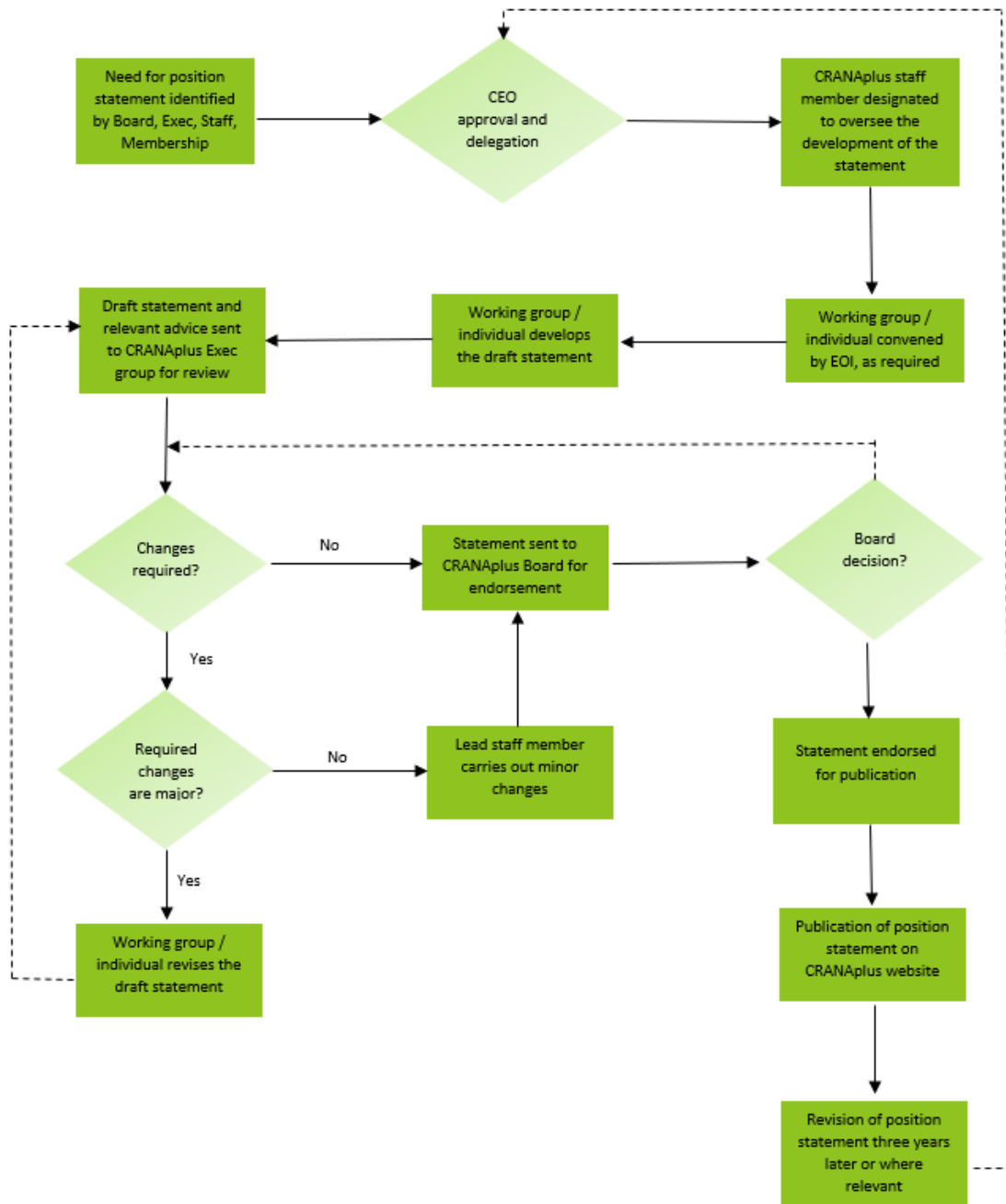
Draft position statements will be written by individual staff members or small working groups, as required. Working groups will be convened via EOI and may include staff, members and partner organisations.

Position statements are revised every three years, or when significant research, evidence or events make a current position statement inaccurate.

References are written in [APA style](#), 6th Edition.

See [Figure 1](#) for the development and approval process of position statements.

Figure 1: Development and approval of CRANAplus Position Statements



Version	Notes	Changes made by	Date
1.0	CRANAplus process for developing Position Statements		July 2019