

# National Medicines Access Hui

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Consumer Advisory Committee: Chair

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# Consumer Advisory Committee

Advisory committee to Pharmac's Board

Members are appointed by Pharmac's Board

"... provide input from a consumer or patient point of view" (Pae Ora Act, 2022: Sect. 71(1)(b))

Advises Pharmac on strategic, policy and operational activities ... that have an impact on Consumers

Does not make decisions on behalf of Pharmac

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# Patient Engagement

- CAC members bring their lived experience as patients and/or caregivers/whānau of patients
  - One CAC member on the Pharmacology and Therapeutic Advisory Committee (PTAC)
  - One 'Consumer' member attends each Specialist Advisory Committee meeting
    - 3 Consumer members
  - CAC Chair attends Pharmac Board meetings as an observer
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# Improvements

Since the External Review

Consumer member on PTAC with speaking and voting rights

A Consumer member attends SAC meetings with speaking and voting rights

Has been consideration of engaging with consumer groups during the assessment process (of a HT) - *Nov 2023 CAC Minutes*

ToR support diversity by allowing for at least 2 Māori and 1 Pacific member

Strong rural Māori representation able to provide a Māori Health and Equity focus

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# Further Improvements

See the *External Review*

CAC input to the prioritisation of  
medicines on the options for  
investment list

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# Contact CAC

To find out more or to raise a  
Consumer issue:

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