

NSW Standing Health Committee

Summary report: August 2026



Latest meeting

The Standing Health Committee (SHC) met in Newcastle on 5 August 2026 to continue progressing the development of the NSW Coal Industry Health Standards.



The SHC is progressing the NSW Coal Industry Diabetes and Sleep Health Standards and is currently undertaking a 12-month review of the Cardiovascular Health Standard

Highlights and key initiatives

- The SHC discussed updates to the draft Sleep Health Standard following further industry consultation and reviewed:
 - industry data relating to proposed sleep study referral triggers
 - options for CS Health provision of type 2 sleep studies to improve access for workers.
- The SHC reviewed the draft Diabetes Health Standard and identified further updates and considerations, including:
 - a review of criteria for temporarily unfit for work certifications
 - additional supporting information for insulin-treated diabetes and the use of electronic diabetes devices.
- The SHC reviewed a briefing paper on the potential inclusion of HbA1c testing within Order 45 health assessments to improve efficiency and reduce delays in health certification and follow-up requirements.
- The SHC discussed the need for clearer guidance and support for workers who are certified as temporarily unfit for work.
- The SHC reviewed industry feedback and proposed updates to the Cardiovascular Health Standard as part of its 12-month review
 - industry data has shown a reduction in cardiovascular-related health assessment reviews since release of the cardiovascular health standard which is a positive outcome consistent with the standard's intended objectives.
- The SHC considered improvements to its Terms of Reference, including processes for dispute resolution and escalation of issues.
- The SHC agreed on a proposed process for managing amendments to industry health standards outside the scheduled 12-month and 5-year review periods.

Recommendations and actions

- CS Health to review sleep study referral data and continue exploring options for providing Type 2 sleep studies.
- CS Health to commence broader industry consultation on the draft Diabetes Health Standard.
- CS Health to obtain further expert advice regarding the use of electronic diabetes devices and continue to develop supporting resources.
- SHC feedback on the HbA1c briefing paper to be considered alongside further cost analysis by CS Health
- CS Health to consider additional options to support workers who are certified as temporarily unfit for work.
- Next steps for the Cardiovascular Health Standard 12-month review include endorsements by subject matter expert, A/Professor Otton, followed by the SHC and Clinical Governance Committee.
- CS Health to update the Terms of Reference for SHC review.
- CS Health to draft the agreed process for managing amendments to the industry health standards and circulate it to the SHC for review.
- The next SHC meeting will focus on final actions required for the endorsement and release of the Diabetes and Sleep Health Standards.

Next SHC meeting: 14 October 2026.

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