

AVA members representing AVA on external committees.

External stakeholder engagement is an important part of our advocacy work which contributes to achieving the advocacy objectives of:

- AVA being recognised as the peak organisation for veterinary technical expertise.
- Increase awareness that, to protect and advance animal health and welfare, veterinary expertise must be included where animals are involved.

We appreciate the commitment that AVA volunteers make to representing the organisation and advocating for AVA policies.

At a recent meeting the AVA Board ratified a [policy and procedure for AVA representation on external committees and working groups](#).

The document contains information on:

- Procedure for selection of members to represent the AVA.
- Requirement of AVA representatives to agree to speak to AVA policies and positions, not individual opinion.
- Obligations of the AVA representative.

To make documentation of the meeting as easy as possible for attendees, please use the [external committee/ working group form](#). Once submitted this form will automatically upload into the AVA's metrics collecting system.

Once again thank you for the work that you do on behalf of the AVA. If you have any questions about committees where you are representing the AVA please reach out to your Senior Advocacy Officer or Executive Officer for assistance, or alternatively email publicvetaffairs@ava.com.au.

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