

Workshop 3 ●

Public Trust Hall

Tuesday 14 October - Room 1908

Wednesday 15 October - The Hall

Legislation in transition: future-proofing and optimising medicines regulations and procurement in New Zealand

This session examines how New Zealand's medicines access and funding framework is shifting assuming proposed changes to the Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Amendment Bill, the Medicines Amendment Bill, the Gene Technology Bill, and the yet-to-be formulated Medical Products Bill. It will also explore how these pieces of legislation may impact both the medicines regulatory landscape and procurement systems including PHARMAC's statutory functions. The workshop will determine if the medicines legislative changes also meet the needs of a modern, equitable, and responsive health system.

Workshop purpose:

This workshop aims to:

- Gather diverse perspectives on the impact of NZ legislative reforms (Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Amendment Bill, Medicines Amendment Bill, Gene Technology Bill, Medical Products Bill) on medicines access, funding, and regulatory systems.
- Identify roadblocks and solutions related to these legislative changes, to ensure they will meet the needs of a modern, equitable and responsive healthcare system
- Generate tangible recommendations for stakeholders and contribute to a white paper.

Workshop outcomes:

The intended outcomes of the workshop include:

- A shared understanding of the legal and structural changes underway.
- Identification of the potential gaps and/or risks in proposed legislation, from a variety of perspectives.
- Recommendations to strengthen coherence across PHARMAC, Medsafe, Health NZ, and future regulatory authorities.

Workshop topics:

- **Medicines Amendment Bill & Medical Products Bill:** Discussing challenges and opportunities with proposed approval pathways, integration of PHARMAC processes, and recommendations for future-proofing
- **PHARMAC's Role & Statutory Objectives:** Exploring reforms to PHARMAC's objectives, alignment between Medsafe, PHARMAC and Health NZ, and adaptation of workflows to new regulatory processes.
- **Patient & Industry Engagement & Advocacy:** Focusing on mechanisms for integrating patient advocacy group voices, ensuring ongoing industry engagement, and strategies for supporting future policy changes.
- **Legislative Coherence & the Gene Technology Bill:** Examining how the various legislative pieces fit together, including the Gene Technology Bill's interaction with medicines legislation, and recommendations for a consistent framework.

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WORKSHOP CHAIRS



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Workshop references – Acts and Bills (Workshop 3)

- **Medicines Act 1981**

- Health NZ overview: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/medicines-legislation/medicines-act>

- **Medicines Amendment Bill 2025**

- Health NZ overview: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/medicines-legislation/medicines-amendment-bill>
- NZ Parliament process: <https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/bfaa07b4-837c-425e-0d57-08dd6ff875cc?Tab=history&lang=en>

- **Medical Products Bill (proposed)**

- Health NZ overview: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/medicines-legislation/regulating-medicines-medical-devices-and-natural-health-products>
- Health NZ documents: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/medicines-legislation/regulating-medicines-medical-devices-and-natural-health-products/documents-on-the-medical-products-bill>

- **Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022**

- Health NZ overview: <https://www.health.govt.nz/about-us/new-zealands-health-system/overview-and-statutory-framework/pae-ora-healthy-futures-act>

- **Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Amendment Bill 2025**

- Health NZ overview: <https://www.health.govt.nz/about-us/new-zealands-health-system/overview-and-statutory-framework/pae-ora-healthy-futures-act/healthy-futures-pae-ora-amendment-bill>
- NZ Parliament process: <https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/4f909a7b-8e87-4fef-8401-08ddb9140fc1?Tab=history&lang=en>

- **Gene Technology Bill 2024**

- MBIE overview: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/agencies-policies-and-budget-initiatives/gene-technology-regulation>
- NZ Parliament process: <https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/22059628-b0cc-4931-5e07-08dd18a12bfb?Tab=sub&lang=en>