

# Evaluate

Evaluate is a Sax Institute program designed to help decision makers understand the value, impact and outcome of their policies and programs. It helps address real-world challenges by providing independent, trusted and rigorous evaluation advice and services.

## Features

### *Independence*

As a non-profit broker between research and policy, the Sax Institute offers a uniquely independent perspective. Evaluate provides independent advice to make it easier for decision makers to ask the right questions from the outset and use evidence more effectively in their work.

### *Rigour with a real-world emphasis*

Evaluate is grounded in the Institute's leading work developing tools and systems for interacting with evidence. Our reputation for integrity and ability to draw on the best research expertise – regardless of location – allows us to provide the level of quality evaluation services that governments and their agencies are seeking.

We understand the challenges of real-world policy and program evaluations. We have the expertise to examine reach, scalability, generalisability, feasibility and effectiveness – and to use best-practice methods suited for population-wide innovations where randomised trials may not be possible.

Evaluate is led and staffed by recognised experts who understand policy realities and timeframes. The Sax Institute is known for employing staff who are partner-focused, collaborative and in-touch.

### *Innovation focus*

Evaluate has a particular focus on exploring how innovative ideas can be adapted and applied. We want to offer decision makers the best chance of learning lessons from innovative policies and programs.

### *Access to unique research and Big Data*

Using Evaluate connects decision makers with the Sax Institute's policy-relevant research cohorts and other big datasets, our data linkage capability and expertise.

### *Proven track record*

We have a strong track record in working with governments and government agencies to help them answer important and complex evaluation questions to inform policy and planning decisions. We complete projects on time and in-budget across a range of health and social issues.

## Services

Evaluate services range from expert advice on evaluation planning through to conducting evaluations and supporting agencies to respond strategically to the findings.

We undertake process, outcome and economic evaluations drawing on a 'custom built' team of expert evaluators and researchers tailored to each individual evaluation.

We also provide support for strengthening organisations' internal capacity to manage evaluations. We do this through mentoring or collaborative learning, assisting with effective and creative solutions to challenges as they arise.

## Senior Evaluate staff



**Senior advisers** (L-R): Professor Don Nutbeam, Ms Sian Rudge, Associate Professor Mary Haines, Dr Anna Williamson  
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## About the Sax Institute

The Sax Institute is a leading Australian expert in helping decision makers find and make best use of research to solve real-world health and social problems. We receive funding from the NSW Ministry of Health and are supported by other government, non-government and competitive research funding agencies.

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