



Appendix B

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Area of enquiry	Thematic area	Key evaluation questions
Appropriateness of suicide prevention activities	Current government priorities ¹	Are the suicide prevention activities consistent with current government priorities?
	Key program objectives	Is there an optimal mix of individual projects that could meet overall objectives?
		Is there a more nationally consistent approach that could be practically adopted?
		Are there any clear gaps in the suicide prevention activities that might be filled by one or more additional projects?
	Continuing need	Are individual projects meeting current need? Are the individual projects appropriate?
	Consequences of not continuing	What might be the consequences of not continuing the individual projects and/or the overarching NSPP?
	Australian Government funding	Are the individual projects likely to continue in the absence of Australian Government funding?
Possible improvements	What are some possible improvements that might be considered to increase the appropriateness and/or sustainability of the NSPP, including consideration of the costs and benefits of these improvements?	
Effectiveness of suicide prevention activities	Goals and objectives	To what extent have suicide prevention activities, and individual funded projects, been successful in achieving agreed objectives? Does the geospatial coverage of suicide prevention activities and funded projects adequately support nationally significant outcomes?
	Outcomes	What are the key outcomes, outputs and impacts achieved as a result of funding suicide prevention activities and individual funded projects? Are projects achieving holistic and coordinated outcomes and flexible service delivery for consumers?
	Integration	To what extent have suicide prevention activities functioned effectively as part of the broader policy environment, including the NSPS?
	Possible improvements	What are possible improvements that might be considered to increase program effectiveness, including nationally significant approaches to service delivery and the expansion of reach and availability, and consideration of the costs and benefits of these improvements?
Efficiency of suicide prevention activities	Duplication	Is there any duplication in suicide prevention activities projects that might be reduced to improve efficiency?
	Administration	Could the processes, outputs and the administration of the suicide prevention programs and their projects be improved? Is the model utilised to administer these suicide prevention programs consistent with the Department's own national alignment processes and the Australian Government's mental health reform agenda? ²

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	Economic	Are the suicide prevention activities demonstrating value of investment in terms of client outcomes?
	Possible improvements	What are possible improvements that might be considered to increase the efficiency and national consistency of suicide prevention activities, including consideration of the costs and benefits of these improvements?

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