SYMPOSIA SESSION PROPOSAL

Symposia sessions can be run a variety of ways. 15-20 minutes per presenter with 3-4 presenters and question time/discussion is the preferable set up.

Be as descriptive as possible with the focus of the session and proposed content information to advise the committee on the thoughts for the session and to include in information provided to the suggested speakers by the conference organisers. Ensure you focus on the take home message from the session.

Key Content Considerations:

- Coverage of the conference theme/objectives (if applicable)
- Multidisciplinary coverage but also ensuring it meets the professional development requirements for the main group affected by the issue
- Gender balance
- Involvement of affected populations including as chairs, speakers or panellists.

Name of session:	**Young People's Sexual Health: Findings from the 6th National Survey of Secondary Students and Adolescent Sexual Health (2018)**
Organiser/s of session:	Peter Aggleton and Graham Brown
Chairs allocated to session:	**Chairs:** Peter Aggleton, UNSW Sydney + Bonney Corbin, Senior Policy Advisor, Marie Stopes Australia Bonney.Corbin@mariestopes.org.au
Focus of session:	Approximately every 5 years since 1992, the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society at La Trobe University conducts the National Survey of Secondary Students and Adolescent Sexual Health, funded by the Commonwealth of Australia Department of Health. Survey findings inform progress on national strategies to address sexually transmissible infections, including HIV, and the

	general sexual health and wellbeing of Australian adolescents. The 6th Survey, conducted online in 2018, engaged 6,327 year 10-12 students. Minimum quota sampling across two sets of census-based strata achieved nationally balanced coverage of 1) gender, year in school and school type (government, catholic, independent) and 2) state/territory with an oversample of low-population states/territories. The survey also achieved sizeable sub-groups of ATSI and non-heterosexual/non-cis-gender young people. Measures included HIV, STI and BBV knowledge, sexual behaviours (including condom use, partner communication and peer group norms), sexting and cyberbullying, information-seeking, and perceptions of sexuality and relationships education. The session will provide **an overview of key data across the key survey domains** of knowledge, behaviours and educational experiences with a focus on key aspects of the national strategies for HIV and BBVSTIs highlighting potential priority areas for improving upon the successes in addressing Australian adolescent sexual health and wellbeing. It will also include a **robust policy and practice discussion** lead by education, health, youth and community sector contributors
Learning Objectives for session (expected outcomes):	Participants in the session will be able to: 1) Identify current trends in Australian adolescent sexual health and wellbeing including knowledge, behaviours and educational experiences 2) Relate current trends to national strategies to address HIV and BBVSTIs 3) Discuss potential next steps in policy, sexual health service provision and education to advance national strategies
Topic 1:	**Introduction to the 6th National Survey: Background, Methods, Participants** Graham Brown

Speaker 1: **Speaker Email:** **Time Allocation:** **Proposed content:**	Graham.brown@latrobe.edu.au 5 minutes Provide an overview of the background of the secondary student survey, methods used in the 6th survey, and a description of participants to be reported on in the remaining topics for the session.
Topic 2: **Speaker 2:** **Speaker Email:** **Time Allocation:** **Proposed content:**	**Secondary Student Sexual Health Knowledge:** Rosalind Bellamy r.bellamy@latrobe.edu.au 10-15 minutes Provide an overview of results on the sexual health knowledge of Australian secondary students in relation to HIV and STIs including hepatitis and HPV.
Topic 3: **Speaker 3:** **Speaker Email:** **Time Allocation:** **Proposed content:**	**Secondary Student Sexual Health Behaviours:** Associate Professor Christopher M. Fisher c.fisher2@latrobe.edu.au 10-15 minutes Provide an overview of results on the sex and sex-related behaviours of Australian secondary students in relation to sexual health and wellbeing identifying trends in prevalence of behaviours including sexual practices, protective practices, and technological practices.
Topic 4: **Speaker 4:** **Speaker Email:** **Time Allocation:** **Proposed content:**	**Secondary Student Sexual Health Educational Experiences:** Paulina Ezer p.ezer@latrobe.edu.au 10-15 minutes Provide an overview of results on the informal and formal educational experiences of Australian secondary students in relation to sexual health and wellbeing identifying trends in confidence, trust and utilisation of various informal sources of information and in-school experiences of relationships and sexuality education.

Policy, practice and young people's response	**Panel Response** ~ 20-25 minutes total (ie 6-7 mins **each**) **Health/education sector:** Kris Stafford, Curriculum Manager, Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia kstafford@ais.wa.edu.au **Community sector**: Sarah Thistle, General Manager Education and Training, Family Planning Victoria sthistle@fpv.org.au **Young people's sector:** Kai Schweizer, Youth Affairs Council (YACWA) kai@yacwa.org.au
Audience discussion	~ 10-15 minutes
Key questions for discussion:	1) How can these findings best inform future sexual health services, educational practices and policy to improve the sexual health of young people in Australia? 2) Based on these results, what future research needs to be conducted to provide context for advocating for the sexual health and wellbeing of young people?