The Australian National Consultative Committee on Health (formerly known as the Australian National Consultative Committee on e-Health) was established as a result of Global Access Partners’ 2004 Forum on ‘Better Health Care through Electronic Information’ – a strategic high-level debate which involved senior health executives, policy experts, health service providers and consumer representatives. The forum stressed the need to move towards patient-centric, network-enabled health care systems. Electronic health records and decision support systems with evidence-based protocols offer a method to improve the national health infrastructure.

The Committee contributes to the debate around the public and private health agenda in Australia with a view to promote, explore, define and realise better patient health outcomes through the application of changes to process, and the interaction of technology to improve efficiency, safety and productivity. The group also provides a forum for public-private partnerships in order to promote improved execution and industry development.

Cross-jurisdictional and bi-partisan by nature, the Committee engages in extensive stakeholder consultation, prepares policy submissions and reports, initiates projects and, in association with Global Access Partners, hosts major national conferences. Its four broad areas of interest are agency coordination, chronic disease management, connectivity and infrastructure, and change management.

The Committee’s tasks include, among others:

- Liaison role for Business and Government
- National health agenda versus tactical business interests
- Further input on architectures for electronic health
- Encouraging private and public partnerships for investment into projects
- Tackling issues of concern such as telehealth
- Seeking joint business development opportunities

The Committee’s initiatives over the last eight years included:

- Support for the National e-Health Transition Authority
- Privacy and Security in e-Health
- e-Health business projects
- Cabinet Meeting with senior members of the Government and the Opposition
- Global Access Partners Congress on Australia’s Health 2009
- Project Mozart
- Chronic disease and ICT
- Key architecture issues for health connectivity and the NBN
- Primary Health Care and the Private Patient Journey 2011
- National Telehealth Strategy 2012

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