

Information Session: Medicine shortages in Australia – Challenges and opportunities

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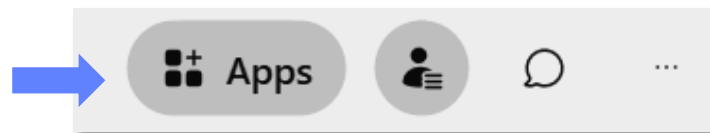


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Session Outline

- Introduction
- Medicine shortages challenges
- Public Consultation
- Next steps
- Q&A

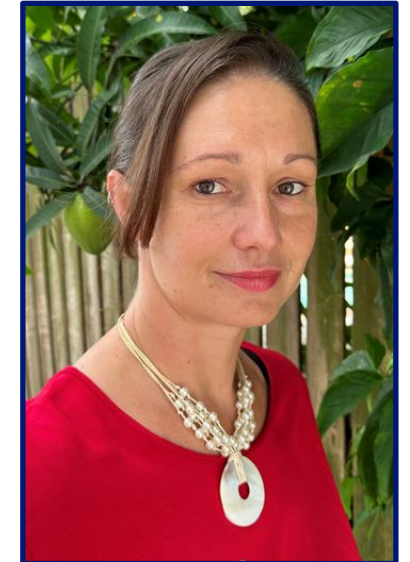
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Introduction

- Role of the TGA in medicine shortages and discontinuations
- Collaborative improvements
- Recent Act amendments



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Challenges with medicine shortages and discontinuations

What are the
problems?

How big are
they?

Define
priorities



We need your views



We need your:

- Insights
- Views
- Experiences

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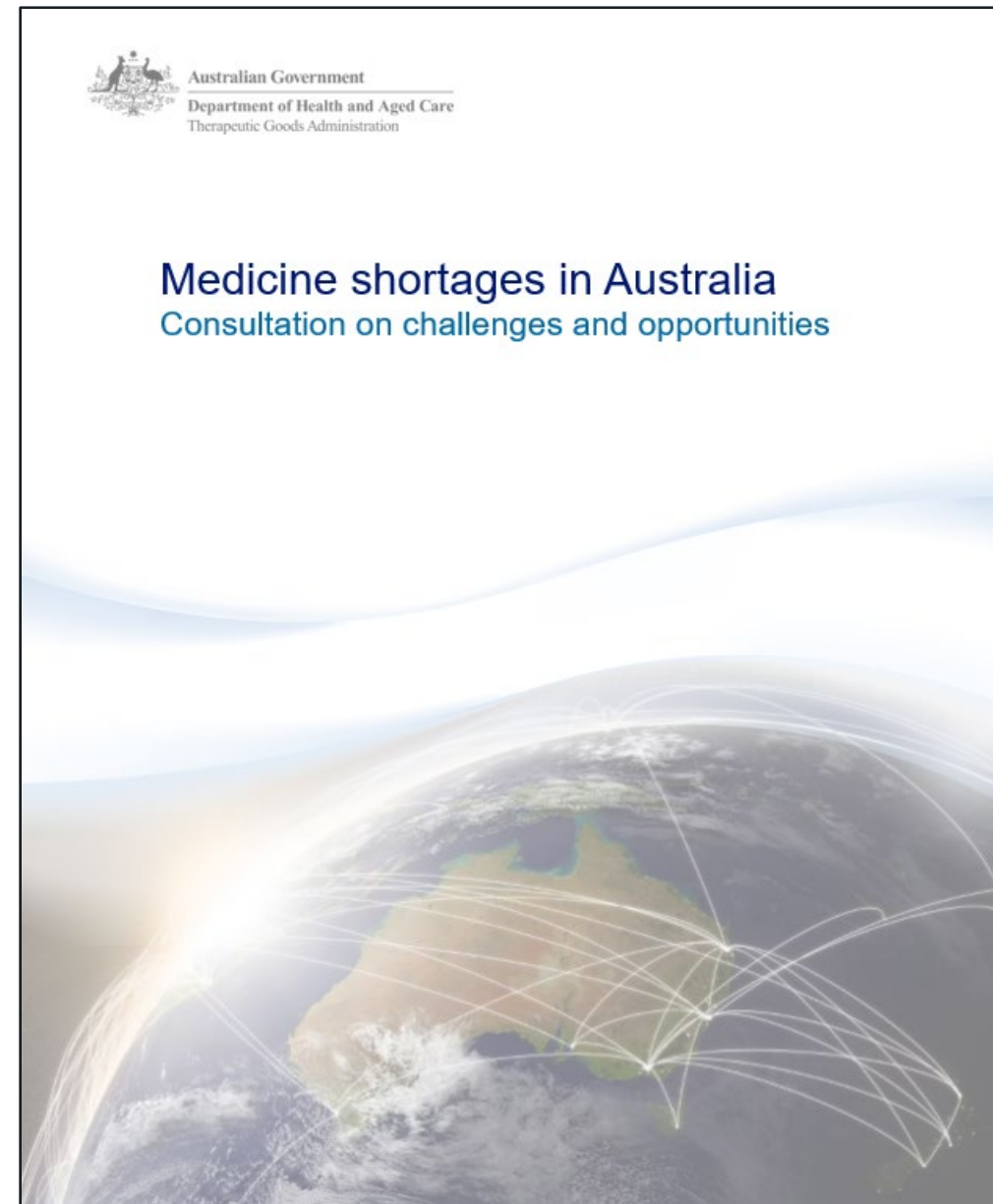
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Submit responses through

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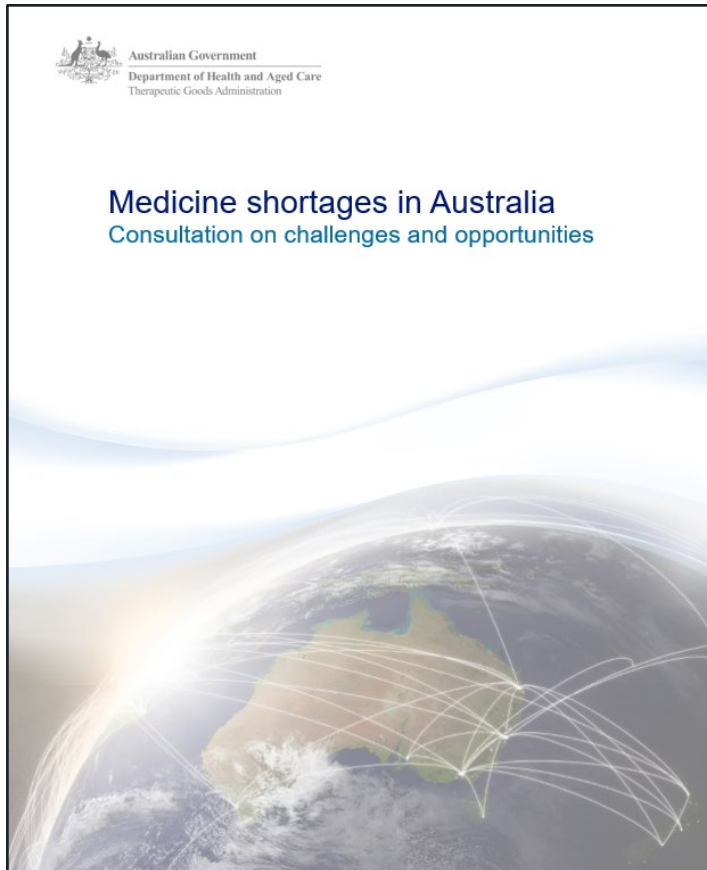
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Public Consultation

Planning for medicine shortages and discontinuations

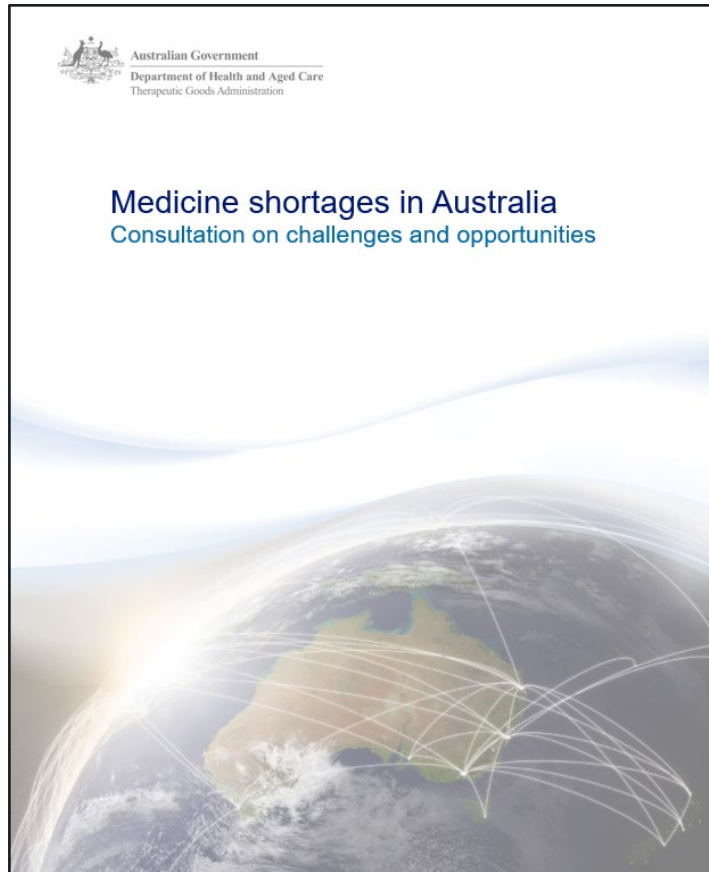


Do you plan for medicine shortages or discontinuations?

- Barriers?
- Challenges?

Public Consultation

Responding to medicine shortages and discontinuations



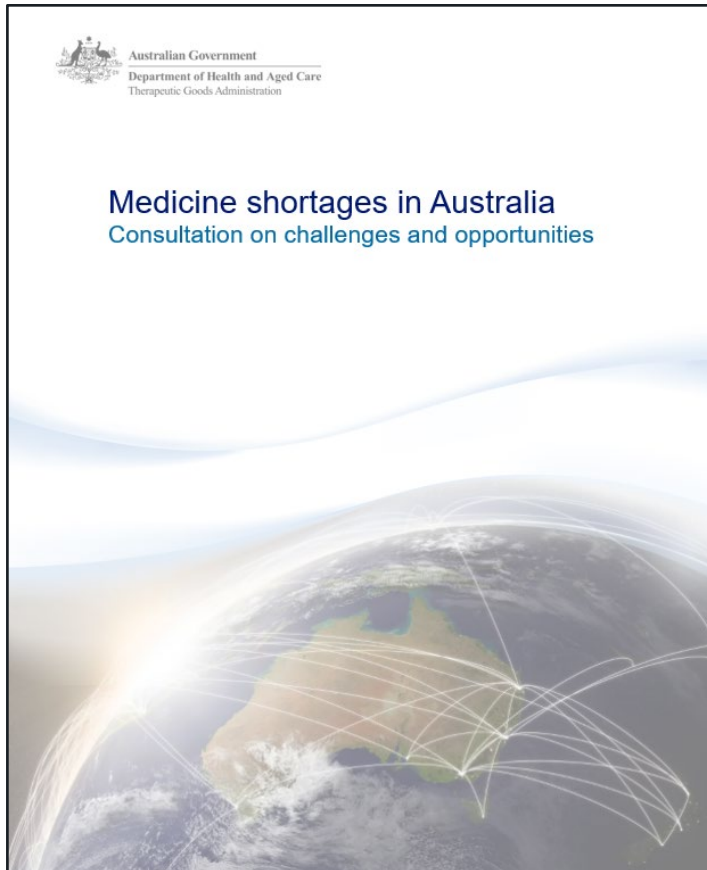
How do you respond?

- Barriers?
- Challenges?
- What was useful?



Public Consultation

Communicating about medicine shortages and discontinuations

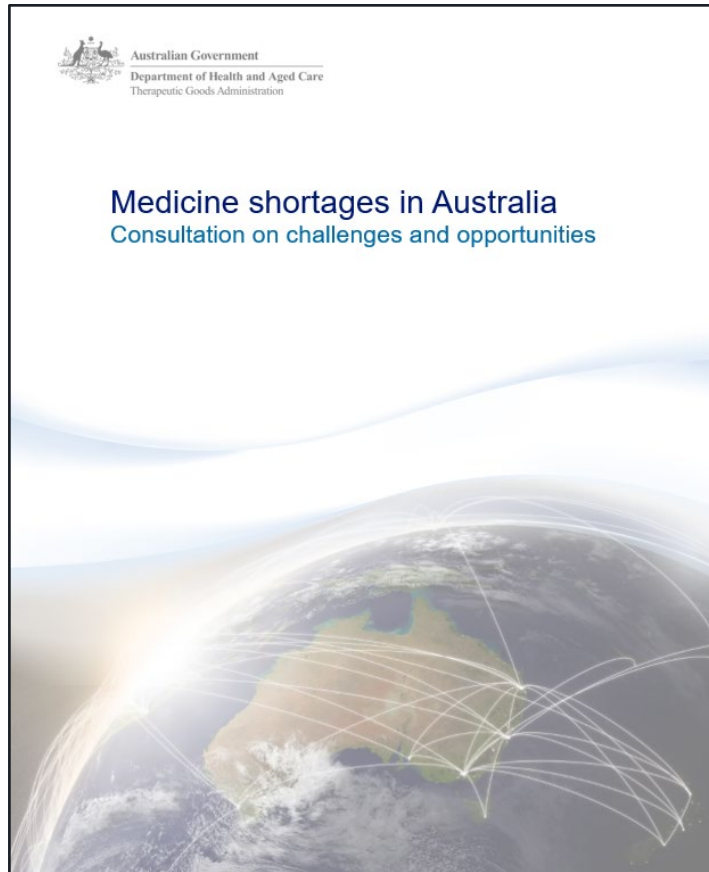


Where do you get your shortage information?

- **Challenges?**
- **What is useful information?**
- **Suggestions for improvements?**

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Impact of medicine shortages and discontinuations



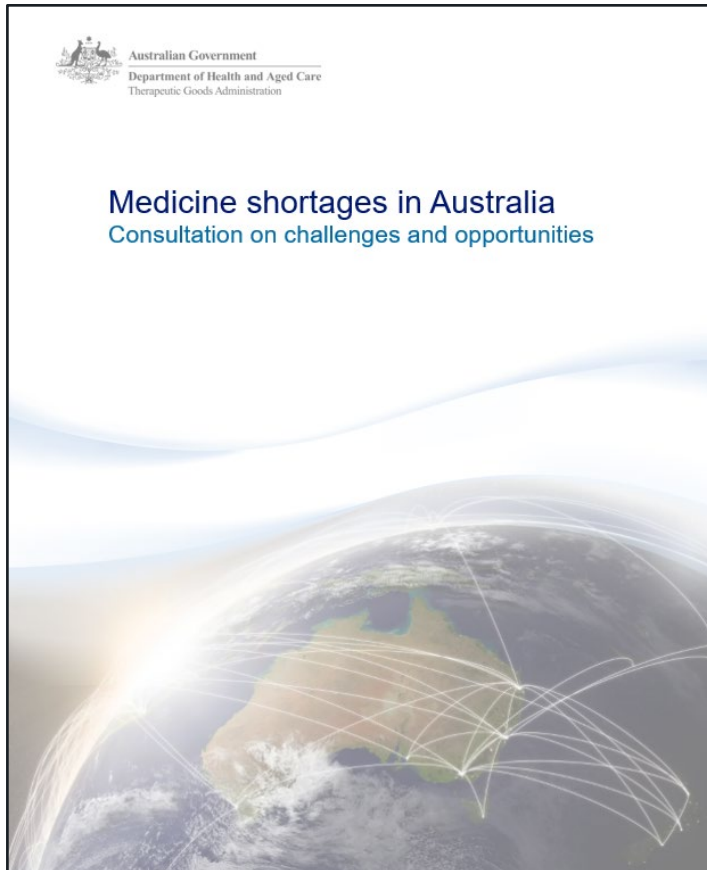
How much time spent dealing with shortages?

- **Challenges?**
- **Health-related impacts?**



Public Consultation

Improvement opportunities



What is the biggest problem?

**Thoughts about regulatory
framework?**

Improvement ideas?

Next Steps

Public consultation

- Submit responses by Monday 11 March
- Non-confidential submissions and summary published later this year
- Further considerations on recommended priority areas for reform



Information and resources

TGA website	https://www.tga.gov.au/
TGA Consultation Hub	https://consultations.tga.gov.au/
TGA Medicine Shortages website	https://www.tga.gov.au/safety/shortages
Consultation contact	Shortages.Strategy@health.gov.au

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