

## Public Health & Health Promoting Health Services



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## Public Health

**Definition:** *Public Health* is the organised response by society to protect and promote health, and to prevent illness, injury and disability.

The starting point for identifying public health issues, problems and priorities, and for designing and implementing interventions, is the population as a whole, or population sub-groups.

Source: National Public Health Partnership (1998), Public Health in Australia: The Public Health Landscape: person society environment (Melbourne, NPHP)

## Health Promotion

- Within the context of Public Health but not solely of it
- Health promotion tools are key for primary prevention
- Is an approach that can be applied in a range of settings
- Must be linked to population focussed interventions
- Must be supported by capacity

## Public Health & Primary Healthcare

