

Legislation and policy development	Assessment, Treatment & Target Population	Education	Grass roots community actions
<p><u>The LEAD Group charity has:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributed to primary prevention through the ban of lead in Australian petrol in January 2002. Successfully lobbied the NHMRC for a change in the Australian blood lead action level to 10 µg/dL in 1993 & then 5 µg/dL in 2015. Consulted with the NHMRC in workshops to design a national strategy on lead abatement ("Reducing Lead Exposure in Australia", July 1993). Contributed to an OECD lead monograph and the development of an OECD Lead Control Act and OECD Ministerial Agreement on world lead risk reduction in 1996. Submitted a report to National Industrial Chemicals Notification & Assessment Scheme (NICNAS - Federal Health) to ban the addition of lead to all paints and inks. This became enforceable on 1/1/10 and set a global precedent - Australia remains the only country to ban lead additives in all paints and inks. <p>REMAINING CHALLENGES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve a global ban on leaded petrol and the addition of lead to all paints and inks; collection and recycling of the lead in lead acid batteries (80% of global use). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our egroups provide interactive opportunities for people to ask & answer questions on all aspects of lead poisoning assessment and management. Some of The LEAD Group's egroups are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaded Kids – who discuss lead poisoning in children https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/LeadedKids/info Autism and Lead Poisoning – who discuss the potential correlation between lead poisoning and autism https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Autism-Lead/info Lead Workers – who provide information & referrals for people who are exposed to lead in occupational settings https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/LeadWorkers/info Lead Poisoned Adults Egroup (LPAE) https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/LPAE/info <p>REMAINING CHALLENGES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To drastically <u>increase</u> the rate of blood lead testing by doctors. To encourage research to be done and the writing of tertiary prevention (stopping past lead exposure from killing you early) fact sheets on emerging natural chelation, detox through nutrition and other treatments for lead including, potentially, saunas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our websites act to increase the awareness of the adverse effects of lead poisoning and strategies for primary, secondary and tertiary lead poisoning prevention. Our websites have had over 3 million visitors from over 215 countries We have disseminated nearly a million copies of lead fact sheets and other articles directly, to individuals via our information services, talks & expos We lobbied for education programs & certifying for lead paint removalists and ceiling dust removalists. We are currently involved in educating medical professionals as to lead's role in three of the leading causes of death in Australia (heart attack, stroke & dementia). <p>REMAINING CHALLENGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtaining funding for our education and awareness-raising initiatives. 	<p><u>The LEAD Group has:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully lobbied for blood lead testing of 1-4 year-olds in Summer Hill set up a Technical Advisory Board of the most qualified lead poisoning prevention experts in Australia & OS grown the world's largest publicly-accessible library on lead, searchable at http://www.lead.org.au/fs-index.html generated over 1300 media hits (TV, radio newspaper, magazine, community fact sheets, online submissions to government) to raise awareness of lead poisoning provided information on lead for politicians to influence legislative changes <p>REMAINING CHALLENGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve national annual blood lead surveys (all ages); collation, analysis & online (de-identified) reporting of all blood lead results, including those below the lab's limit of detection. Doctor education (using these blood lead reports) about lead case management.