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Speech Pathology Australia is the national peak body for Speech Pathologists in Australia, representing over 4,500 members. A speech pathologist is a specialist qualified to provide a variety of services to people with communication and swallowing difficulties that may be present across the life span.

Vision

Speech Pathology Australia aims to be an informed, influential and dynamic peak body of professionals striving for excellence and recognition for the profession of speech pathology and for the interests of our clients with communication and swallowing difficulties.

Mission

- To prescribe, guide and govern the clinical and ethical standards of members in their practice of speech pathology
- To facilitate and promote opportunities for members to pursue knowledge and develop professionally
- To disseminate professional positions to key stakeholder groups including: the government, consumers, referrers and the public
- To advocate for and respond to the needs of clients with communication and swallowing difficulties
- To promote timely access to services
- To represent the interests and views of members of the Association.

Values

As Speech Pathologists, we strive to:

- be client centred and provide ethical services to our client communities
- demonstrate excellence and continual improvement in providing maximum standards of service within our place of employment
- uphold our professional integrity.

As Members, we can expect:

- effective communication, openness, trust, respect for the individual and a fair hearing within our Association
- to be challenged and supported in our endeavors towards professional excellence
- to be involved in cooperative and participatory decision making within our Association
- to contribute to our Association and be recognised for doing so
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As Representatives of Speech Pathology Australia, we will:

- be proactive representatives seeking recognition and opportunities for our clients, the profession of speech pathology and the Association
- have the information, knowledge and skills to be highly informed advisers
- be viewed as the first point of contact for all matters concerning speech pathology and difficulties in communication and swallowing.
- value our Association and promote it to others, including government, employers and non-members.