

## **Future focused primary health care: Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032**

Following an earlier consultation on draft recommendations of the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan, The Consultation Draft of the *Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan : Future focused primary health care: Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032* was released for feedback. The Plan represents a high-level response to the recommendations of the Primary Health Reform Steering Group and was developed as part of the Government's commitments under the Long Term National Health Plan.

Further to Cancer Council's input into the draft recommendations, we made a submission to the consultation draft, outlining key priorities in cancer prevention, early detection and cancer care.

In cancer prevention and early detection we highlighted -:

- priorities within Cancer Council's National Cancer Prevention Policy,
- the importance of alignment with the pending National Preventive Health, National Obesity Prevention, and National Health Literacy Strategies,
- the need to support Primary Health Providers to encourage participation in cancer screening, engage in preventive health activities, assist people stay healthy, and to self-manage their health care needs,
- the emergence of new cancer screening programs, such as lung cancer screening.

In cancer care we highlighted the importance of:-

- alignment with the developing Australian Cancer Plan,
- increasing access to multidisciplinary cancer care teams,
- ensuring access to high quality multidisciplinary telehealth services,
- data linkage strategies to inform improvement across the health care system,
- strategies to better support remote and regional Australians, and to close the gap in cancer outcomes and access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Once considered by the review team a copy of our submission will be available on the review website <https://consultations.health.gov.au/primary-care-mental-health-division/draft-primary-health-care-10-year-plan/>