



Department of Health and Aged Care consultation on the development of the National Health and Climate Change Strategy

The Australian Government is developing Australia's first National Health and Climate Strategy, in recognition of the urgent need to mitigate health system emissions and support the health system and the community to be better prepared for and resilient to the health impacts of climate change.

The Department of Health and Aged Care recently sought input into the development of the [National Health and Climate Strategy](#), particularly focusing on the objectives, enablers and principles of the Strategy.

Cancer Council Australia's submission called for a more deliberate focus on the effects of climate change on the health of Australians. Providing recommendations for priority areas, including the increasing burden of cancer as a result of air pollution, and the creation of disaster resilient care for people undergoing treatment for cancer. In our submission we also supported the 'health in all policies' approach and provided a list of recommendations for future policy actions, including 'supporting measures that have co-benefits for physical activity promotion while reducing air pollution, such as promoting active transport options' and 'supporting healthy built environment measures that enable both heat mitigation and provide high quality shade, which enables adequate sun protection as skin cancer prevention'.

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on the consultation's [webpage](#).