

Public Consultation on the Discussion Paper Towards the National Immunisation Strategy 2025-30



In May 2024 a public consultation was opened to inform the review by the Department of Health and Aged Care of the National Immunisation Strategy 2025-30. Cancer Council are supportive of the review of the National Immunisation Strategy and welcomed the opportunity to provide a submission to this consultation.

In our submission, we highlighted the biggest opportunities for improving the National Immunisation Strategy 2025-30, including:

- To develop clearer targets and timelines to indicate how the opportunities identified in the Strategy may be scoped or addressed, and who is responsible for the actions.
- To prioritise engagement and building relationships with trusted leaders in under-vaccinated communities to ensure greater participation, and empowerment of these communities.
- To focus on the available workforce, ensuring that they are properly prepared to provide evidence-based and up to date information.
- To create supportive environments that contribute to greater understanding of the reasons for vaccine-hesitancy and to support healthcare professionals working with people to ensure that their fears are allayed.
- Acknowledging that the Strategy sits alongside other important frameworks and strategies which need to be accounted for within this document more comprehensively such as the National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030, the National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030, the National Strategy for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer in Australia, the Sixth National Hepatitis C Strategy 2023-2030 and the Fourth National Hepatitis B Strategy 2023-2030.

Overall, Cancer Council commends the work which the Department is undertaking to help improve vaccination rates in Australia. Further information can be found on the [Department of Health and Aged Care website](#).