

The Australian Cancer Plan 2023-2033

Cancer Council responded to Cancer Australia's call to share a vision for the Australian Cancer Plan and respond to broad survey questions with ambitious and transformational ideas. The consultation period opened on 26 November 2021 and closed on March 4 2022.

Cancer Council's submission highlighted the importance of a shared purpose for the ACP that was supported by all Australian governments and non-government cancer organisations. We outlined that this approach would reduce the incidence of cancer, enhance cancer outcomes (particularly from communities who typically experience poorer outcome, people diagnosed with rare cancers and those with low survival rates), and improve the experience of people affected by cancer. We stated that the Australian Cancer Plan had the opportunity to set the scene for completely transforming the landscape in cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and care by providing national coordination and focus, investing in critical infrastructure and program development, delivering against key gaps in our current cancer system and building jurisdictional cooperation.

Our submission acknowledged the key principles Cancer Australia has identified as being important in the Australian Cancer Plan - person-centred, equity focussed, future focussed, strengths based, and evidence informed within the context of being tumour agnostic, encompassing the whole continuum of cancer and ensuring collaboration; and provided context and examples across the cancer continuum for consideration to inform implementation.

Once Cancer Australia has considered all submissions, our submission will be made available at https://consultations.health.gov.au/cancer-care/australian-cancer-plan/