

Ban on the use of adverse genetic testing results in life insurance

In March 2025, Cancer Council Australia made a submission to the Australian Treasury regarding the ban on the use of adverse genetic testing results in life insurance. This consultation was launched to seek stakeholder input on issues relevant to the design of the Government's measure to ban the use of adverse genetic testing results in life insurance.

Cancer Council's submission included the following areas:

- Ensuring a total ban on <u>asking for, collecting, storing and using</u> genetic testing results in life insurance underwriting to protect people at risk of and affected by cancer from experiencing genetic discrimination when trying to access life insurance.
- Supporting regular review of the ban to ensure it retains its relevance as advances in genetic research and technologies in genetic testing eventuate, and to monitor and evaluate the impact of the ban on consumer care.

Cancer Council Australia also noted its full support for all the recommendations outlined in the submission led by Dr Jane Tiller, Monash University.

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on Treasury's consultation webpage: https://treasury.gov.au/consultation/c2025-626785