



## **Clinical tissue-targeted (somatic) genomic testing consent consultation**

In April 2025, Cancer Council Australia made a submission to Australian Genomics to provide feedback on the draft Clinical tissue-targeted (somatic) genomic testing consent package. These resources are designed to help health professionals and patients with the process of providing informed consent for tissue-targeted genomic testing.

Cancer Council's submission included the following recommendations:

- The inclusion of information about how to access resources, psychosocial and genetic counselling services to help patients understand the implications of test results, especially for complex familial or ethical concerns.
- The inclusion of information about how patient genomic data will be stored, shared with any third parties for secondary use, and the implications for their privacy (and personal data use).
- The inclusion of information for health professionals about decision-making capacity and Australian State and Territory guardianship and/or medical treatment legislation about capacity and consent.
- The need for different versions of the patient fact sheet appropriate to different populations, including a version co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to reflect their specific requirements.

Further information about this work can be found at Australian Genomics project page:

<https://www.australiangenomics.org.au/project-areas/clinical-genomic-practice/>