



# Information for Solicitors

## Discussion with your client

1. Please ensure the correct wording is used and include our full name The Cancer Council ABN 91 130 793 725.
2. If a client wants the donation to be specific to an area or type of cancer we would be happy to accommodate their wishes. If you need to discuss a specific request, please contact us. The needs of research and support will change over time and the need now may not be the same need in 10-15 years' time. However, your client's wishes are first and foremost.
3. If your client would like to establish a legacy in recognition or memory of a loved one, we would encourage you to contact us to discuss the opportunity of titled research awards or scholarships.

## Suggested wording for wills

'I (insert name here) **bequeath to The Cancer Council ABN 91 130 793 725 for its general purposes** (or name a specific purpose, such as research, patient and support care services, cancer prevention programs)

[Choose and insert the appropriate statement from the list below]

1. **the whole of my estate**
2. (insert number) **percentage of my estate**
3. **the residue of my estate**
4. **the amount of \$** (insert the value of your gift in cash)
5. **my** (insert name of asset)

**free of all duties, and the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the Executor(s).'**

## Administration of an estate

When it is time to administer an estate Cancer Council would appreciate your assistance in the following ways:

1. Notify us – Please contact us and include a list of any gifts or assets that have been bequeathed to Cancer Council. Cancer Council may request that certain assets be dealt with in a particular manner for tax purposes. For example, Cancer Council is exempt from payment of capital gains tax, and therefore an in specie transfer of CGT assets such as investment properties or shares (rather than a sale of those assets by the executors and a transfer of sale proceeds) may result in a significantly reduced tax liability.
2. Tell us about your client – it is our wish to thank remaining family and friends and honour your client's memory.

These actions allow us to respect your client's final wishes, honour their memory and maximise the impact of their donation.

In the event of a dispute regarding family provision it is the practice of the Cancer Council to attend mediation.

## Supporting charitable bequests

Cancer Council understands that support from professional groups is very important to the work we do. You can support us in the following ways:

- Request copies of our bequest booklet and have information on hand for your future clients regarding the opportunity to leave a charitable donation in their will.
- Join our professional network that offers assistance via our pro bono scheme.

Please contact the bequest team for more information.



**For more information on how to help us achieve a future free of cancer by leaving a gift in your will to Cancer Council, call the wills and bequest team in your state:**

Cancer Council Australia	(02) 8063 4100
Cancer Council ACT	(02) 6257 9999
Cancer Council NSW	(02) 9334 1479
Cancer Council NT	(08) 8944 1800
Cancer Council QLD	(07) 3634 5100
Cancer Council SA	(08) 8291 4111
Cancer Council TAS	(03) 6212 5708
Cancer Council VIC	(03) 9514 6100
Cancer Council WA	(08) 9212 4333