



National Health and Medical Research Strategy - Webinar Survey

In February 2025, Cancer Council Australia completed a submission on the development of the National Health and Medical Research Strategy. The consultation was launched by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care to obtain stakeholder feedback on initial opinions and priorities for the development of the Strategy.

Cancer Council's submission included the following:

- Cancer is the leading cause of disease burden in Australia; therefore, it is pertinent for cancer research to be a priority within the Strategy.
- Adequate funding in fundamental research is essential.
- Data access should be a priority for the Strategy. Australia's health and medical data system must be national in scope, allow comparisons adjusted for patient and disease characteristics.
- The implementation plan for the Strategy should include continuous monitoring and mid-point assessments during the Strategy's review period.
- In addition to the focus areas raised in the consultation, Cancer Council recommended the following areas are also prioritised in research:
 - Prioritised research for all populations that experience health inequity
 - The application of digital health technologies
 - Preventative health interventions
 - Determinants of health
 - Improving access and affordability of healthcare services.

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care's consultation webpage: <https://consultations.health.gov.au/health-economics-and-research-division/national-hmr-strategy-post-webinar1-survey/>