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Dear Stakeholder,

Cancer Australia's Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme

Expression-of-Interest for consumer participation in Grant Review Committees in 2022

Cancer Australia's Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is an innovative, competitive, annual cancer research projects grant funding scheme. The PdCCRS is conducted by Cancer Australia in partnership with other funders of cancer research.

PdCCRS grants are reviewed in two stages and a key element in the review of applications is the assessment of applicant responses to a set of research questions the PdCCRS Questions.

These responses are reviewed by Grant Review Committees (GRCs) convened by Cancer Australia. GRCs are comprised of individuals with a range of expertise and include at least two consumer representatives trained in reviewing the responses to the PdCCRS Questions.

Cancer Australia is currently calling for an Expression-of-Interest from consumers interested in participating in the review of PdCCRS research grant applications. Whilst all consumers are encouraged to apply, preference will be given for males and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to ensure gender and diversity balance in our current list of trained consumers. Expressions-of-Interest will be assessed and ranked by a panel which includes consumer representation. Successful candidates will undergo formal training in the review of responses to PdCCRS Questions in a two day workshop to be conducted at Cancer Australia's Sydney and Melbourne offices in August/September 2022.

To ensure the widest possible dissemination of this call for Expressions-of-Interest, we would appreciate your assistance in drawing the attention of your consumers to this call. To assist, we have provided some text (below) which you may wish to post on your website and/or include in newsletters:

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Cancer Australia and its funding partners value the involvement of people affected by cancer in all aspects of the PdCCRS including the review of research grant applications.

This is an open, national call for Expression-of-Interest from consumers interested in being part of Grant Review Committees for the PdCCRS.

Experience in the review of research grants is desirable; however, these skills are not essential because Cancer Australia will provide the appropriate training. Training will be undertaken over 2 days in Cancer Australia's Sydney and Melbourne offices in August/September 2022.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and male consumers are encouraged to apply.

The Expression-of-Interest form and background information is available on the Cancer Australia website at:

https://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/research/priority-drivenresearch/consumers-and-grant-review-committees

For further information please contact Nathan Borg, Project Manager, Research and Clinical Trials, Cancer Australia:

(02) 6217 9805 or Nathan.Borg@canceraustralia.gov.au

Applications close: Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

Participation in PdCCRS GRCs offers a unique opportunity to voice the consumer perspective in the assessment of cancer research grant applications.

Please contact Nathan Borg on 02 6217 9805 or email at <u>Nathan.Borg@canceraustralia.gov.au</u> if you have any additional questions.

Thank you for supporting Cancer Australia's PdCCRS.

Yours sincerely

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