

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**cancer voices australia**

This petition of Cancer Voices Australia and its supporters draws to the attention of the House that our genetic material can be patented or “owned” by biotech companies. This means they can hold a monopoly over it, and accessing testing and treatments will become increasingly costly and slow. They’re our genes. They’re not ‘property’. Patents over our genetic material can stop researchers using what occurs in nature to help find cures and treatments for cancer and other diseases. This is wrong.

**We therefore ask the House to amend the Patents Act 1990 so as to clearly exclude the ability to grant patents over human genetic material.**

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