



STATEMENT

Health Minister's announcement of a

Review of arrangements for funding chemotherapy services (5 May 2013)

Cancer Voices welcomes and supports the Minister's decision to hold a review into arrangements for funding chemotherapy services.

We are especially pleased as this is what we, as Australia's leading cancer consumer group, recommended should happen!

Who are we?

Cancer Voices Australia (CVA) is the independent, volunteer voice of people affected by cancer – since 2000

Why is this important?

Cancer kills more Australians than any other disease. A great many of the 100,000 diagnosed each year are offered chemotherapy as an integral part of their treatment, via both the public and private health systems.

What do we want?

As cancer patients we want access to best practice, affordable services for our treatment, whether public or private – and when we need it.

As taxpayers, who fund much of chemotherapy treatment, we seek efficient and effective cancer services, again whether public or private.

CVA in its submissions and statements has consistently called for a review or audit to look at the present complex, messy and obscure system of chemo funding. It is vital to cancer patients that treatment services remain of high standard and accessibility.

CVA also welcomes the government's recognition of the value of having the informed consumer voice in the mix of Reviewers – itself best "stakeholder inclusion" practice.

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