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CANCER CONSUMER ORGANISATIONS UNITE UNDER THE ONE COVER

Dan Tehan MP and Senator Deborah O'Neill will launch The Australian Cancer Consumer Network (ACCN) at Parliament House in Canberra today, forming the first umbrella organisation to represent cancer consumer groups.

Mr Tehan and Senator O'Neill, co-chairs of Parliamentarians Supporting Cancer Causes, welcomed the new network that will unite 30 cancer consumer groups and organisations to share information and experiences.

"128,000 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Whether it is a mother, a father, a friend, a colleague – cancer is an indiscriminate killer.

"I am pleased that so many organisations have come together to ensure that those affected by cancer receive the best care possible," Senator O'Neill said.

"This resource will be invaluable to Parliamentarians in assisting constituents and building relationships with these organisations.

"We look forward to working with cancer consumer groups to ensure the public have the up to date information they need," Mr Tehan said.

The Australian Cancer Consumer Network will be facilitated by Cancer Voices Australia.

Cancer Voices Australia will co-host the launch to coincide with the release of the *'Who's Who in the ACCN'* directory of cancer consumer groups. The directory brings together important service and contact details for ACCN members under one cover to ensure that people are getting comprehensive and up to date information about what help is available.

Cancer Voices Australia Chair Sally Crossing AM was excited about what this will mean for Australians living with cancer and the organisations that support them.

"Bringing us all together like this for the first time is empowering and will give us a united approach in providing information to consumers.

"It shows that our representatives are connected to the needs and ideas of people affected by cancer – now the greatest cause of Australian deaths," Ms Crossing said.

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Event Details

Date: 26 November 2014
Time: 3.30pm
Room: 2S3, Parliament House
Canberra