



## **The Australian Centre for Disease Control: Consultation on how the Australian CDC plans to use data**

In September 2024, Cancer Council Australia completed a submission to the interim Centre for Disease Control (CDC). The consultation on *How the Australian CDC plans to use data* sought to understand the concerns and expectations of people in Australia about the planned way the government will use health data to inform the work of the CDC.

Cancer Council's submission focused on the following areas:

- Support of the CDC's use of health data that is inclusive and representative of all Australians to inform population and disease modelling.
- Utilising data linkage of health datasets to socioeconomic datasets to explore the impact of social determinants of health as they relate to disease modelling.
- The importance of transparency with the public about how the CDC collects and uses health data and new technologies to interpret and analyse data.
- The importance of communication, engagement and education of consumers to establish and maintain public trust in the role of the CDC and its use of health data

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on the consultation's webpage: <https://consultations.health.gov.au/health-emergency-mangement/cdcdata/>