



Submission to the South Australia Cancer Plan 2024–28

SA Health recently completed an extensive consultation and collaboration process across the sector and developed a draft SA Cancer Plan 2024–28.

CNSA participated in this consultation process, providing a submission for consideration on *'Priority 5: Enhance the Workforce to Deliver Cancer Care into the Future.'* To ensure consideration of the key role cancer nurses will play in the implementation of this priority, we advocated for the following:

- Investment in post-graduate education of the nursing workforce to build specialism from novice to expert.
- Enablement of nurses to work to their full scope of practice - piloting innovative, evidence-based models of care for people living with and beyond cancer with a focus on nurse-led models.
- Funding of nurse-led clinics and support of nurse-led care models in outpatient settings.
- Increased opportunities for nurses to be involved in research while holding clinical roles and designated time to contribute.
- Employment of more Cancer Nurse Practitioners, as well as specialty cancer nursing roles to ensure the sustainability of the workforce.

The CNSA welcomed the opportunity to support the development of the SA Cancer Plan and contribute to a shared vision for cancer nurses helping to shape the direction of cancer control that is effective now and into the future.

Information about the progress of this consultation can be found on the SA Health website:
<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/publications+and+resources/plans/sa+cancer+plan>