

Inquiry into Skin Cancer in Australia

Recommendations to the The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, 1st May 2014

- That all Western Australians diagnosed with cancer are referred to free cancer support services including those offered by Cancer Support WA.
- That all Western Australians given a prognosis related to their cancer diagnosis are immediately referred to Cancer Support WA's 24 Hour Cancer Support Phone Line to ensure they are provided with immediate emotional support from a qualified counsellor.
- That all Western Australians diagnosed with cancer are provided with information about the wellness and lifestyle programs offered by Cancer Support WA which may improve their outcome from cancer and help prevent recurrence.
- That there are no cuts to parliamentary budgets for cancer prevention campaigns.
- That there is an increase in government funding of ancillary cancer support services, in particular Cancer Support WA's 24 Hour Cancer Support Phone Line – a service which potentially supports all Western Australians, and particularly those in the regions, with professional counseling support in their immediate time of need, thereby reducing the burden on primary and specialist cancer care providers to fulfill this function.

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