

A consumer centered National Strategic Action Plan for Pain Management

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The voices of consumers are of critical importance to Painaustralia as we develop the first ever National Strategic Action Plan for Pain Management (the Action Plan).

Leading up to the finalisation of the plan, Painaustralia has developed a wide-ranging consultation strategy to hear the views of relevant stakeholders, including consumers, health groups, health practitioners and policy makers. This consultation strategy includes several key events and activities that target consumers including:

- A comprehensive and public online survey which has been open since 23 July 2018 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5F8LDYM>. So far, we have received more than 1100 responses, and the majority of these have been from consumers. We have heavily promoted the survey through our consumer and social media networks.
- A targeted consumer-specific roundtable to be hosted by the Consumers Health Forum on 18 September 2018.
- A high level national key stakeholder workshop to be held in late September, which will include representation from a consumer nominee of CHF and provide feedback on the consumer roundtable.
- One on one meetings with key pain-specific and other national health organisations that represent consumer living with pain conditions.

In addition to this suite of consultation activities, Painaustralia has developed an assessment methodology to distil the wide range of ideas for action and priority areas that we will receive as part of the consultation process. This will ensure that recommended measures are underpinned by the evidence base, meet unmet need and align with the 2010 National Pain Strategy. It will be available on the Painaustralia website.

If you have not yet provided input into the public online survey, we urge you to do so before it closes on Friday 17 August 2018.

Painaustralia deeply values the views and priorities of consumers as we work towards improving the quality of life for people living with pain, their families and carers and minimising the impact of pain on Australians.