

Time to take the next step: delivering equitable lung cancer reform in Australia

Lung Foundation Australia's **third national Blueprint for action** on lung cancer



Lung cancer is
Australia's **leading**
cause of cancer death



Lung cancer impacts
some groups of people
more than others



Anyone with lungs
can get lung cancer

Risk factors include:



**Tobacco
smoke**
(first or second-
hand exposure)



**Environmental
exposures**
(e.g. air
pollution,
radon)



**Occupational
exposures**
(e.g. asbestos,
silica)



**Increasing
age**



Genetics



**HIV
infection**



**Family history
of lung cancer
or personal
history of
cancer**



**History
of chronic
lung disease**



**Past chest
radiation**

Recommendations for lung cancer reform in Australia

1



Promote lung health for all Australians

Low awareness of lung cancer risk factors, combined with persistent stigma, undermines health outcomes. We need better prevention through education and action on clean air.

2



Close the gap for First Nations peoples

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have worse lung cancer outcomes. Culturally safe, community-led care are needed, alongside removal of structural barriers to access.

3



End harm from tobacco

Tobacco smoke is a leading cause of lung cancer. Stronger action is needed to reduce harm from smoking and protect future generations.

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Strengthen the National Lung Cancer Screening Program

Lung Cancer Screening is saving lives. We need to make it easier to access, encourage more people to take part, and expand the eligibility criteria.

5



Better support for patients and carers

Patients and carers often feel lost in the system. Specialist nurse-led care and better survivorship support are needed.

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Invest in research and innovation

Lung cancer research investment has not kept pace with disease burden. Increased investment in research and equitable access to new diagnostics and treatments are essential.



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