

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PAINAUSTRALIA CONSUMER ADVISORY GROUP**

### **About Painaustralia**

#### **Vision and aim**

Painaustralia's vision is that pain is a recognised national health priority and all Australians living with pain or at risk of chronic pain, their families and carers, can access a world-class system of care.

Painaustralia represents the interests of a broad membership that includes health, medical, research and consumer organisations.

Established in 2011, our focus is to work with governments, health professional and consumer bodies, funders, educational and research institutions, to facilitate implementation of the National Pain Strategy Australia-wide.

#### **Our Mission**

Painaustralia is Australia's peak pain advocacy body working to improve the quality of life of people living with pain, their families and carers, and to minimise the social and economic burden of pain on individuals and the community. Our roadmap for achieving world-class care is the National Pain Strategy and associated National Strategic Action Plan on Pain Management.

#### **Painaustralia Consumer Advisory Group**

Painaustralia are seeking expressions of interest from people living with chronic pain to become members of the inaugural Painaustralia Consumer Advisory Group (CAG). The CAG aims to support people living with chronic or persistent pain to have a voice in policy and advocacy.

We anticipate that CAG would convene quarterly by teleconference (or as required) and communicates on a regular basis through email.

Members will typically serve an initial one year term. The role is voluntary, and members may resign at any time.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM:

### Your Details:

Contact details:

Name:

Postal address:

Email:

Preferred phone:

Other phone:

Information about you:

Gender:

Date of Birth (optional):

Chronic or persistent pain condition:

Number of years you have been living with chronic or persistent pain:

### Do you:

- Identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander?  
If yes, please provide details.
- Identify as a person from a Non-English Speaking Background (optional)  
If yes, please provide details.
- Identify as a member of a cultural or ethnic group  
If yes, please provide details.
- Identify as living in a rural or remote region  
If yes, please provide details.
- Identify as a person with a disability (optional)  
If yes, please provide details.

### Your skills and experiences:

Please keep your responses under 200 words.

- Please share with us your lived/living experience of chronic or persistent pain
- Tell us why you would like to be on the CAG, and how you believe you can contribute to shaping Painaustralia's agenda.
- Provide an example of a time you brought an idea to a previous advisory group or committee – what was the idea, and why did you choose to present it to the committee?
- How have you advocated for your ideas to be heard and your voice shared through previous efforts or work?
- What ideas you would like to put forward for this CAG, and why do you think they're important to Painaustralia's agenda?
- Please share your personal values and if and how they align with Painaustralia's vision and mission.
- Please share your willingness to commit to a one year membership throughout 2018-19
- Please advise your ability to participate in a minimum of four to six teleconferences per year as part of the CAG.