



## UR THE CURE

Education – Awareness – More lifesaving matches

*Improving ethnic diversity on the Australian and worldwide stem cell registries*

Dear Minister,

### RE: The review of the Australian Haemopoietic Progenitor Cells (HPC) sector

With the outcome of the above mentioned review being released soon and myself being a strong supporter of the submission and its recommendations that was put forward to the review by UR the Cure ([www.urthecure.com.au](http://www.urthecure.com.au)), I strongly encourage your government to consider the recommendations and the outcome of the review as a matter of urgency (see full submission here <https://www.urthecure.com.au/advocacy>).

We need to better promote the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry to increase the number of bone marrow donors on the registry, make it easier for people to join and create a more ethnically diverse registry to better represent our population. It is a matter of health equality and the fact that many Australians with a blood cancer struggle to find their lifesaving stem cell match simply due to their ethnic or indigenous heritage is not acceptable, this can be their only chance for a cure. Australia can do better. We are a multicultural country and in over 20 years nothing has changed to improve outcomes for patients with a culturally diverse background which sends a strong message to those people that their lives don't matter. We need to better support these patients.

You may wish to contact myself or Pamela Bousejean, the founder of UR the Cure regarding this matter on the details below. I encourage you to involve UR the Cure with key stakeholders such as the Red Cross Blood Service, ABMDR and government. **They are a representative organisation of the people this issue affects and believe it's important to have consumer representation when designing and implementing services and throughout the decision-making process.** UR the Cure and its supporters can add value through our experiences and knowledge we have gained over the years and through the thousands of supporters who have been in contact with the organisation:

- 5000+ followers on social media
- 500+ people who contributed to the survey which supported the submission to the review
- Hundreds of patients and patients' loved one who are in close contact with UR the Cure via Facebook and email
- Multiple stories with the media including national television programs over the years

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Yours faithfully,

