

## VOTING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in joining the Consumers Health Forum of Australia.

Your application for **Voting Membership** will be reviewed by the CHF Board. Pending this review, we will **process your payment** as an Associate Membership. Should the Board approve your application, we will then arrange for payment of your membership fee.

In addition to information about your organisation in the form below, we need additional information for the CHF Board with a signed declaration (Included at the end of this document). Please email the completed information to [membership@chf.org.au](mailto:membership@chf.org.au)

### Income Range \*

<\$250,000 - \$ 100.00 (includes GST of \$ 9.09)

>\$250,000 - \$ 500.00 (includes GST of \$ 45.45)

### Total Amount

\$ 100.00

### Voting Member Details

Organisation Name \*

Address Line 1 \*

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town or Suburb \*

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State or Territory \*

Postcode \*

Telephone \*

Email Address \*

Country

About your Organisation

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PO Box 73

Deakin West ACT 2603

Ph:(02) 6273 5444

[www.chf.org.au](http://www.chf.org.au)

A one sentence description that can be included on the CHF website - max 50 words

Approximate number of consumers in your network

Main areas of interest

**Executive Officer**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Hon: \_\_\_\_\_

Position\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chairperson/President**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Hon: \_\_\_\_\_

Position\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Consumer Representative Co-ordinator**

Do you have a Consumer Representative co-ordinator?

Yes  No

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Hon: \_\_\_\_\_

Position\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contact Person**

Is contact person Executive, Chairperson, Consumer Representative, or all of the above?

Please specify, or fill populate below: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Hon: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Town or Suburb\* \_\_\_\_\_

State or Territory\* \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code\* \_\_\_\_\_

Country\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>CHF Voting Membership Criteria</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Demonstrated by (Please detail):</i>	<i>Please reference supporting documentation – e.g Constitution clause or web page url</i>
Is your organisation a health related not-for-profit organisation with aims and objectives congruent with those of CHF's?			
Does your organisation's aims and objectives include the representation of the opinions of consumers and sections of the community on health matters?			
Does your organisation have a membership open to consumer organisations and/or consumers?			
Can consumers be elected to the governing body of the organisation?			
Does your organisation represent or reflect consumer and community opinions?			
Does your organisation act <b>primarily</b> as the representative of:  <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, provider, "for profit", <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer.			
Please list the work you are currently carrying out			

Please also provide CHF with a true copy of:

- current Statement of Aims, Rules or Constitution;
- a signed declaration agreeing to the aims and objectives of Consumers Health Forum of Australia (see below).

Acceptance as a Voting Member requires a majority vote of the CHF Board of Directors who may request additional information in relation to the applicant's Constitution, membership and activities.

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In order to process your Voting Membership application the CHF Board needs to know that your organisation fully supports the aims and objectives of the Consumers Health Forum. Please read, complete, sign and return the declaration below to CHF.

## Aims and Objectives of the Consumers Health Forum

### *The aims of the Forum are:*

- (i) to provide a means of optimising the participation of consumer and community groups in national policy, planning and service decisions which affect the health of consumers;
- (ii) to promote a public and preventative health approach which recognises the health impact of other government policy areas;
- (iii) to promote a just and equitable distribution of resources to redress inequalities in the health status of different groups of the Australian population, noting the pluralistic nature of our society;
- (iv) to encourage the development of health services which are;
  - a) effective in enhancing the capacity of people to participate as fully as possible in community life;
  - b) responsive to consumer needs and preferences;
  - c) community based and managed;
  - d) respectful of human rights;
  - e) culturally relevant;
  - f) universally accessible;
  - g) cost effective; and
- (v) to promote the rights of all consumers to be involved in health policy, planning and service decisions.

### *The objectives of the Forum are:*

- (i) to develop and promote an understanding of consumer experiences and views and identify priorities and goals by consulting consumer and community groups;

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- (ii) to facilitate the development of and enhance the capacity of consumer and community groups (particularly those currently disempowered) to participate in national issues which affect their constituencies by;
  - a) providing information and advice on health issues, policies and decision-making processes;
  - b) facilitating stronger relationships, co-operation and co-ordination between the groups;
  - c) facilitating closer links and more open communication between these groups, the Federal Government and relevant Federal Government departments; CHF Constitution Page 6
  - d) convening workshops and seminars and providing an appropriate interface between consumers and experts;
- (iii) to raise and represent consumer views and in particular, advise the Commonwealth Minister of Health and Ageing and Department of Health and Ageing of these views;
- (iv) to monitor the opportunities and processes for consumer participation and to work with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing to assist it to become more open, accountable and responsive to consumers;
- (v) to monitor and analyse national health policy development, and planning and resource allocation processes and outcomes;
- (vi) to facilitate, and in some instances, fund research and conduct education projects on matters affecting consumers; and
- (vii) to advocate, publicly, measures which will contributed to achieving the Forum's aims and objectives.

In the construction of these expressions of aims and objectives, the expressions shall be given their widest possible meaning consistent with their sense and intention.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_(NAME), as \_\_\_\_\_(POSITION TITLE)  
of the \_\_\_\_\_(NAME OF ORGANISATION),  
have read through the above aims and objectives of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia  
and certify that \_\_\_\_\_(NAME OF ORGANISATION) fully  
supports these aims and objectives.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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