



Help shape the future of genomics in population health screening: A consumer roundtable consultation

Genomics Australia

EOI submissions due:

What's this about?

Genomics may help identify people who have a higher chance of developing some health conditions. Its use in population health screening could help people make earlier decisions about prevention, monitoring or care. It also raises important questions about access, informed choice, how results are explained, and how genomic and health information is collected, stored and used.

What is genomics?

Genomics is the study of all the genes in a person or organism. Genes are instructions in our bodies that can affect our health and wellbeing. Genomics can help detect some conditions earlier, guide health care and support research into better ways to prevent and treat illness.

What is population-based health screening?

Population-based screening refers to a test offered to everyone in a target group. Screening involves simple tests to look for particular changes or early signs of a disease.

Who is Genomics Australia?

Genomics Australia is an Australian Government body that supports the safe, effective and equitable use of genomics in health care.

Genomics Australia wants to better understand consumer views on genomics, in particular its potential use in population screening. To support this, Genomics Australia is working with the Consumers Health Forum of Australia to hear from consumers about genomic population screening. The roundtable will focus on what people may need to feel informed, supported and confident to make decisions about taking part in genomic population screening, if it is considered in the future.

Learn more:

- [What Genomics Might Mean for You – Genomics Australia](#)
- [Ethical Considerations of Genomics – Genomics Australia](#)
- [Your Private Genomic Data – Genomics Australia](#)
- [Population-based health screening in Australia](#)

What is the opportunity?

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia is inviting up to **30 health consumers to join a Roundtable consultation** about genomics in population screening. The discussion will explore consumer views, expectations and concerns, and what may be needed to support trusted, inclusive and equitable future screening approaches.

The roundtable will focus on two main topics:

- Consumer expectations, confidence and participation in genomic population screening - including what people would need to know, what concerns they may have, and what would help them feel informed, supported and confident about taking part.
- Trust, safeguards and use of genomic and health information - including what consumers expect in relation to consent, privacy, data storage, access, sharing and future use of genomic and health information.

Who should apply?

You are encouraged to apply if you:

- Feel comfortable sharing your views and experiences in a group setting.
- Are available for the roundtable date.
- Have an interest in sharing consumer views about genomic testing, population screening, prevention, health research or the use of health information.
 - Have personal, family, carer or community experience with screening, genetic or genomic testing, health research, or sharing health information.
 - Have not accessed genomic testing or screening but are interested in how future genomics and screening approaches could better meet community needs.

Consumers from different cultural backgrounds, age groups, genders, and metropolitan, regional and rural areas are encouraged to apply.

What is involved?

Successful participants will be asked to:

- Complete up to 1 hour of pre-reading.
- Join and participate in the 1.5 hours online consultation
- Share your experiences and views on the topics listed above for the roundtable discussion.
- The roundtable consultation report will be shared with participants for (optional) feedback.

You will need access to a computer and reliable internet. If this is a barrier, please contact the CHF Consumer Engagement team: admin@chf.org.au.

Remuneration

- Participants will be remunerated at the CHF standard rate of \$95.20 per hour for up to 1 hour preparation and pre-reading, and up to 1.5 hours for the roundtable consultation session.

How to apply

To be considered for appointment, you **MUST** [complete an online application](#) that will ask questions including:

1. Please confirm you are available for the roundtable session:
Consultation date: Wednesday 7th October, 2026
Time: (by state)
 - VIC/NSW/ACT/TAS: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
 - WA: 11:00am-12:30pm
 - NT: 12.30pm-2:00pm
 - QLD: 1:00pm – 2.30pm
 - SA: 1.30pm-3.00pm
2. Why do you want to join the consultation about genomics in population screening?
You may wish to mention any personal, family, carer, community or professional perspectives that would inform your contribution. (Maximum 1000 characters)
3. Select the option(s) that best describe your situation:
 - I, someone I provide care for, or someone in my family or community:
 - has taken part in a genetic test or genomic test.
 - has considered taking part in genetic testing or genomic testing but has not done so yet.
 - has decided not to take part in genetic testing or genomic testing.
 - has not taken part in a genetic test or genomic test.
 - prefer not to say.
4. Select the option(s) that best describe your situation:
 - I, someone I provide care for, or someone in my family or community:
 - has taken part in a screening program.
 - has considered taking part in screening but has not done so yet.
 - has not taken part in a screening program.
 - has decided not to take part in screening.
 - prefer not to say.
5. Please describe one thing that might make it harder for people to take part in genomic population screening. What could help address that barrier? You may wish to consider issues such as trust, privacy, consent, cost, cultural safety, location, health literacy or support to understand results.
(Maximum 1200 characters)
6. Do you have a computer/laptop and reliable internet access to join the Zoom call?



To submit your application:

- [Submit your EOI applications online:](#)
- **Submission deadline:**
 - **Date:** Monday, 21 September 2026
 - **Time:**
 - ACT/NSW/QLD/TAS/VIC: 12.00PM
 - NT/SA: 11:30am
 - WA: 10:00am

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions?

- If you have questions about applying, please email admin@chf.org.au