



## RELATIONSHIP WITH CANCER CHARITIES POLICY \*

### Introduction

Cancer Voices South Australia (CVSA) represents those South Australians whose lives have been affected by cancer. CVSA is an independent, incorporated, volunteer consumer organization.

CVSA is grateful for financial and other assistance from cancer charities but must retain their independence and the right to act on their own accord.

Cancer Councils and other charities must respect the right of CVSA to act independently and speak out independently on issues. Funding is essential for sustainability of Cancer Voices SA. The potential for 'conflicts of interest' and ethical dilemmas arise when funding sources compromise our independence or freedom to speak out on cancer-related issues.

### Policy

- CVSA advocates on behalf of those people affected by cancer
- CVSA will not 'fund raise' for other cancer organisations
- CVSA will not accept funding from any source that will compromise our independence
- CVSA may attend activities and events that promote or support cancer charities and their achievements
- CVSA members may choose to participate in any cancer charity fundraising as an individual.
- CVSA sports teams may participate in fund raising events to raise awareness of cancer

\* adapted from the Cancer Voices Australia National *"Relationships with Cancer Charities"* Policy July 2009