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## National Palliative Care Standards Review: Input needed

Palliative Care Australia is inviting all interested parties to submit their feedback on the draft *Standards for Providing Quality Palliative Care for all Australians*, 5th edition.

‘The Standards review has been in progress for about 12 months now,’ said Professor Patsy Yates, President of Palliative Care Australia. ‘It’s a process that has really been driven by the palliative care sector – they were calling for the Standards to be updated to reflect current practice.’

Due to the impending ageing population and subsequent increase in demand for palliative care, it is necessary for the Standards to reflect this rapidly changing sector, in both its current and future settings.

‘This is about producing a set of National Standards that clearly articulate and promote a vision for compassionate and appropriate end of life care across all settings,’ said Professor Yates. ‘This includes aged care and primary care.’

The consultation paper can be downloaded from the PCA website. The paper includes the draft Standards and instructions about how to provide comments. Submissions can be as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation.

‘I encourage as many people as possible to contribute to this consultation. The Standards are an integral tool to providing quality care for all Australians at the end of life and we need as much input as possible to ensure they remain relevant to community needs.’

Written submissions can be sent by email and are welcome up to close of business on **Friday, 26 September 2014**. Please send all submissions via email to Heidi Moore [heidi@palliativecare.org.au](mailto:heidi@palliativecare.org.au).

Download the consultation paper here: [Standards Review Consultation Paper](#).

**Ends**

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