

# HEALTH CONSUMERS NSW

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## **A new voice for people using NSW health services**

*“Nothing about us without us, please!”*

### **Health consumers have agreed to establish Health Consumers NSW**

A meeting was held today to initiate **Health Consumers NSW** which will be a state level, independent voice for people using health services, so they can fully participate in shaping health in this state.

NSW, the only major state without this kind of consumer “voice”, will be now able to contribute to the Health Reform process.

Health Consumers NSW (HCNSW) will join other Australian states’ peak consumer organisations to influence health policy and service provision.

“We will play a vital role in shaping a responsive health system - public and private - in our state” said Sally Crossing AM, after the meeting.

NSW Health Minister Carmel Tebbutt funded the first meeting, indicating her in principle support of this real opportunity for NSW health consumers to be heard.

Representatives from 20 health related organisations which work with consumers, met in Sydney over two meetings and agreed today to the establishment of this very important organisation.

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