



The Alliance is working to reduce the unnecessary suffering of people who have lymphoedema, by ensuring timely access to affordable lymphoedema services and compression garments regardless of where people live, their financial status and their health situation.

Lymphoedema is the term given to swelling resulting from malfunction of the lymphatic system. It can affect people of all ages, whether as a result of underdeveloped lymphatics, or due to damage to the lymph system from cancer treatment or trauma. Lymphoedema impacts adversely on the physical, emotional, social and financial wellbeing of people living with lymphoedema.

The Lymphoedema Action Alliance is a coalition of organisations:

**Australian Association of
Massage Therapists**

**Australasian
Lymphology Association**

**Breast Cancer Action
Group**

**Breast Cancer Network
Australia**

Cancer Council NSW

**Country Women's
Association NSW**

**International
Lymphoedema
Framework Australia**

**Lymphoedema
Practitioner Education
Group of Victoria**

**Lymphoedema Support
Group NSW**

**Lymphoedema Training and
Education NSW**

**Macquarie University Cancer
Institute**

Melanoma Patients Australia

**Northern Suburbs Cancer
Action Network**

Ovarian Cancer Australia

YWCA NSW

ACTION ONE: Equitable access to quality lymphoedema services in NSW

The Lymphoedema Action Alliance recommends that:

- Detailed information about public lymphoedema services be made available on the NSW Health website and Cancer Institute's CanRefer website.
- The NSW Minister of Health make available adequate funding to ensure 62.5 full time equivalent lymphoedema therapist positions are provided across Local Health Districts on a population basis.

ACTION TWO: Equitable sustainable access to affordable lymphoedema compression garments nationally

The Lymphoedema Action Alliance recommends that:

- Industry, consumer, research and medical groups work together to collate evidence (both clinical and economic) that demonstrates the value of compression garments for people with lymphoedema.
- This information is used to explore an equitable and sustainable national compression garment funding scheme

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