

Terms of reference – PHSANZ Advocacy Committee

1. General role:

- a. To advance the issues in the field of Pulmonary Hypertension to improve patient centred outcomes in Australasia
- b. This will require advocating with professional bodies including Health Professionals, Funders of health care, deliverers of health care and patient groups.
- c. As part of this role is to promote and encourage research in the area of pulmonary hypertension in liaison with the Research and Registry sub-committee

2. Specific advocacy roles:

- a. To work with the PHA in promoting and advocating for pulmonary hypertension sufferers, a member of the PHA will be co-opted onto the advocacy committee
- b. To work with Australasian Lung Foundation, the Heart Foundation (in Australia and New Zealand) and any other relevant bodies to raise the profile of pulmonary vascular disease in the wider community and with both health funders and providers. A member of ALF and HF will be offered a place on the Advocacy sub-committee
- c. To work with Australasian Lung Foundation and Heart Foundation to pursue fund raising avenues both to promote and publicise the needs of patients and to raise funds for research in the area of pulmonary vascular disease
- d. To lobby both National and State governments to ensure adequate provisions of resources for investigation and management of patients and access to appropriate funded therapies for these patients.