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### **It's now Law! Super Tax Free for Terminally Ill Cancer Patients**

Cancer Voices Australia (CVA) welcomes the passage through Parliament of Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No.2) Bill 2008, making superannuation lump sum payments tax free for terminally ill cancer patients and their families.

Throughout 2007, cancer patients, advocacy groups and cancer organisations have worked to achieve this positive outcome for cancer sufferers.

'This result exemplifies the power of the individual,' says John Newsom, Chair of CVA referring to Christina Fiddimore who from her hospital bed was able to persuade the Government to act responsibly in this matter.

CVA is well aware of the enormous burden the cost of cancer has on governments and the community and welcomes this decision to assist in alleviating some of the pressure placed on patients and families at this time.

Future cancer patients will benefit from this decision at a time when it is most needed, John concluded

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