



THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP

Minister for Health

Minister for Sport

MEDIA RELEASE

23 July 2015

Appointments to key health and medical research body

Leading medical researchers, academics, clinicians and administrators have been appointed to the Council of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

The Minister for Health, Sussan Ley, today announced 13 members of the Council of the NHMRC – Australia’s premier source of expert advice on health, research ethics and funding for research.

“The NHMRC is an independent statutory authority which fulfils a vital role in guiding the current and future health of Australians,” Ms Ley said.

“The new Council provides an impressive cross section of high level skills and experience which will be extremely valuable to this key organisation.

“Several members have been reappointed to the Council, to ensure continuity of corporate knowledge and experience in supporting the new chief executive Professor Anne Kelso AO.”

The NHMRC will play a vital role in setting the direction for the Medical Research Future Fund. The strategy for the MRFF will be developed with reference to the NHMRC’s strategy for medical research and public health research, and the priorities for research set by the NHMRC each triennium.

Appointments to the Council of the NHMRC are for a three year term. The new Council comprises:

- Professor Bruce Robinson AM
- Professor Sandra Eades
- Ms Karen Carey
- Professor Michael Kidd AM
- Professor David Story
- Professor Brendan Crabb AC
- Professor Ingrid Scheffer AO
- Professor Jonathan Carapetis
- Professor Kathryn North AM
- Professor Ian Olver AM
- Professor Sharon Lewin
- Adjunct Professor Graeme Samuel AC
- Professor Elizabeth A Sullivan

Commonwealth, state and territory chief medical officers also serve on the Council of the NHMRC as ex-officio members.

Biographical notes on the council members are included online at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/council-nhmrc/members-council-2015-2018-triennium>

ENDS

Minister Ley's Media Contact: James Murphy – 0478 333 974