



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care



**National Women's
Health Advisory
Council**

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The National Women's Health Advisory Council strongly commend the Australian Government's significant investment made today to improve women's health in Australia.

Australian women spend 13.5% of their lifetime, or 11.5 years, in ill health. We know from the work of the Council that women are experiencing gender bias across many areas of our health system.

This substantial commitment of \$573 million will have such a positive impact, with many more women able to access affordable and essential women's health care.

These measures will contribute to addressing the structural barriers of the health system, with changes to MBS items, increasing access to medicines and educating our health professionals on conditions experienced by women. These measures will also aim to empower women by providing more choice and control over their reproductive health and providing them with information on perimenopause and menopause.

It has been a pleasure advising the Government on these important issues and achieving this milestone. We look forward to continuing our work with Government on priority health issues for women and girls in Australia.