



Investing in Health and Medical Research – fighting diabetes

The Government will provide \$56 million for research that will give new hope and support to the more than 120,000 Australian children and adults living with type 1 diabetes. Funding of \$6 million over four years from 2019–20 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will assist with the strategic vision and national leadership of the type 1 Diabetes Clinical Research Network, which is an initiative to accelerate clinical research to increase access to new treatments for people living with type 1 diabetes. Funding of \$25 million over five years from 2019–20 for the Foundation will further advance the network.

An initial investment of \$25 million will also be dedicated to broader diabetes research under the \$125 million Medical Research Future Fund Targeted Translation Research Accelerator initiative, to help progress early stage health and medical research discoveries to reach proof-of-concept and progress to clinical trials. Projects will be funded following an open and competitive grant round.

Why is this important?

Type 1 diabetes affects more than 120,000 Australian children and adults. At present, there is no cure and no proven approach to prevent the disease from occurring.

This lifelong auto-immune disease usually occurs in childhood but can be diagnosed at any age. It is one of the most common chronic diseases in children and most newly diagnosed cases are in people less than 15 years old.

This is a difficult area of research – and Australia has made much progress. This funding will keep Australia at the forefront of research and further support our best and brightest researchers in their work to find – ultimately – a cure for diabetes.

Who will benefit?

This research will offer new hope and support for children and adults with type 1 diabetes and their families.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$56 million from 2019–20 to 2023–24.