

# Budget 2019-20

# Preventive Health – supporting Australians living with epilepsy

The Government will provide \$20 million towards the Epilepsy Smart Australia Program Pilot that will be delivered by Epilepsy Australia member organisations. The Epilepsy Smart Australia Program aims to reduce chronic health impacts experienced by those who have epilepsy by providing support and resources to encourage being healthy and active, to promote participation and retention in education and the workplace, and to support the health sector workforce.

## Why is this important?

Epilepsy is a chronic condition that cannot be cured. It is expected that as the population ages, the number of Australians diagnosed with epilepsy will increase.

A consistent approach to supporting people with epilepsy means people living with this condition can live more productive lives.

### Who will benefit?

This will benefit 250,000 Australians living with epilepsy as well as their families and carers.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$20 million from 2019-20 to 2022-23.