



## Supporting our Hospitals – National Health Funding Body – funding requirements

The Government will continue to fund the National Health Funding Body (NHFB) in its operational support of the National Health Reform Agreement.

The NHFB will continue to monitor payments of Commonwealth, state and territory public hospital funding into the National Health Funding Pool. It will make payments from each state and territory to each Local Hospital Network and report publicly on funding, payments and services under the Agreement.

### Why is this important?

Ensuring our public hospitals are properly funded efficiently and cost-effectively is a key pillar in the Government's long term national health plan. The NHFB is an independent statutory authority that ensures more transparent and efficient public hospital funding and reporting.

The NHFB provides valuable advice to the Treasurer on the Commonwealth's contribution to public hospital funding in each state and territory, and looks at estimated and actual public hospital services so Commonwealth payments can be adjusted if necessary.

The NHFB plays a vital role in ensuring that public hospitals receive their agreed funding.

### Who will benefit?

All Australians benefit from the services provided in our public hospitals. Operational support for the ongoing funding arrangements under the Agreement plays a significant part in ensuring patients receive hospital care when they need it, delivered efficiently, safely and effectively.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$6.8 million over five years from 2020–21.