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<b>Health and Medical Research</b>			
<b>Medical Research Future Fund</b>	Committed to fully capitalising the MRFF at \$20 billion by 2020/21	Committed to fully capitalising the MRFF at \$20 Billion by 2020/21.	Committed to fully capitalising the MRFF but timeframe not specified.
<b>Clinical Trials</b>	\$100 million boost for rural, regional and remote community access to clinical trials across the country. To be funded from the MRFF, with a competitive grant application process.	<p>\$26 million to support the operation of clinical trials and implementation of outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12m. for research projects to improve conduct of CT's (ACTA)</li> <li>• \$10m. for existing CT coordinating centres</li> <li>• \$4m. for faster implementation of CT results</li> </ul> <p>Part of ALP Medicare Cancer Plan</p> <p>20 million to give blood cancer patients access to clinical trial drugs and therapies for blood cancer through a new Right to Trial program</p>	
<b>Qld Children's Hospital Foundation</b>		\$2m. to the Qld Children's Hospital Foundation via the Channel 9 Telethon (from ALP's \$2.8 billion Better Hospitals Fund).	
<b>Indigenous Health</b>	\$12.5 m. for 3 projects to research how to improve the effectiveness of indigenous mental health programs. (Funded from the MRFF Million Minds Mission).	<p>Announced plans for improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-establishment of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council</li> <li>- A focus on both healthcare and research</li> <li>- \$29.6 million in reducing youth suicide and poor mental health</li> <li>- \$33 million to address rheumatic heart disease</li> <li>- \$13 million to Close the Gap on vision loss</li> <li>- \$20 million for sexual health promotion</li> <li>- \$16.5 million to promote healthy choices</li> <li>- \$3 million to target health awareness in at-risk communities</li> </ul>	

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<b>Cancer</b>		\$125 million for cancer research in addition to existing NHMRC and MRFF funding. This includes \$20 million over 4 years to Avner's Pancreatic Cancer Foundation for a Pancreatic Cancer Research Strategy. Part of ALP's Medicare Cancer Plan.	
<b>Dementia Research</b>	\$185 million 10-year Australian Dementia Mission. Focus on dementia (diagnosis, treatment and prevention), fall prevention and avoidable hospitalisations and assistive technology to support independence		
<b>My Health Record</b>		Commission an independent Privacy Commissioner to review My Health Record.	
<b>NHMRC and ARC</b>	Committed to increasing funds for the NHMRC in line with indexation, and to providing long-term support for clinical researcher fellowships.	Index future funding increases to the NHMRC and ARC's grant programmes with inflation, ending several years of real decline in the value of ARC and NHMRC funding available for grants.	\$2.557 billion boost to the Australian Research Council, National Health & Medical Research Council, and Cooperative Research Centres over the next decade.
<b>Advanced Health Research Translation Centres</b>			Fund four new Integrated Health Research Centres.
<b>Mental Health Research</b>	<p>\$110 million to headspace centres for young people at the early stages of severe mental illness</p> <p>\$210,000 to the Healthy Minds Program health and wellbeing trial in 10 high schools.</p> <p>26.3 million over 5 years for a new Perinatal Mental Health and Wellbeing program</p> <p>\$15 million to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for improved data on self harm and suicide</p>	\$15 million to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for improved data on self-harm and suicide	
<b>Brain Cancer</b>	\$5 million from the Australian Brain Cancer Mission to ANZCHOG and COGNO to improve access, and raise participation in, local and international trials		

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<b>Ovarian Cancer</b>		<p>Match the fundraising efforts of the Silver Lining Ride, with a \$150,000 commitment to more ovarian cancer research.</p> <p>\$12 million to Ovarian Cancer Australia's national action plan, which will help create a National Ovarian Cancer Registry, track diagnosis and treatment and help coordinate research.</p>	
<b>Australian Health Reform Commission</b>		Establish an Australian Health Reform commission to develop rigorous and durable policy solutions to improve the health outcomes for all Australians.	
<b>Stillbirth</b>	\$7.2 million for medical research and education programs to help reduce stillbirth in Australia.	Will invest \$5 million in driving down Australia's stillbirth rate. Will include \$150,000 to develop a National Stillbirth Strategy and \$1.5 million for research undertaken at the Centre for Research Excellence in Stillbirth at the University of Queensland.	
<b>Rare Disease</b>	Development of a National Rare Diseases Framework and Action Plan.	Development of a National Rare Disease Framework	
<b>Eating disorders</b>	Funding an additional six specialist residential facilities for eating disorders.	\$20 million to create Australia's first National Plan for Eating Disorders and Body Image Research	
<b>HIV</b>			\$10 million per year of funding into ending HIV in Australia, with a further \$1 million for national campaigns that break down HIV discrimination and stigma.
<b>Cystic Fibrosis</b>	\$65 million to establish the first dedicated Cystic Fibrosis Specialist Unit. The unit will provide treatment, research and diagnostic facilities as a key part of the Westmead Health and Education Precinct in Sydney.		

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<b>Preventative Health</b>		\$115.6 million in prevention and promotion measures to lower rates of obesity, high risk alcohol consumption, and smoking.	\$196 million over the next four years to establish an independent Preventative Health Commission with a clear focus on evidence based programs that prevent chronic illness such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.
<b>Single Funding Agency for the Health System</b>			\$970 million to be invested towards a Single Funding Agency to put a stop to costs shifting and ensuring that all levels of government and the health system work in unison.
<b>Diabetes</b>		\$50 million to help find a cure for type one diabetes.	
<b>New Monash-Peninsula Health Futures Hub</b>		Labor will invest \$21 million in a new Monash-Peninsula Health Futures Hub (partnership between Monash University and Peninsula Health).	
<b>Paralysis and Spinal Cord Injury</b>		A Shorten Labor Government will provide \$1.65m in support for the Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation to help them find a cure for paralysis and for the Foundation's functional therapy program.	
<b>St Vincent's Hospital Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery</b>	Announced before the election, the Government will invest \$30 million in St Vincent's Hospital's Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery, Australia's first hospital-based biomedical engineering research and training hub.		
<b>Sports Injury and Performance</b>	\$15 million for a Melbourne based Sport Research and performance Hub, in conjunction with Monash University.		
<b>Advanced Manufacturing</b>		\$10 million to be given to the Herston Biofabrication Institute (HBI), a partnership between the Queensland University of Technology and the Metro North Hospital in Brisbane.	

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<b>Children's Health</b>	\$9.6 million will be given to the Children's Cancer Foundation to ensure children with cancer have access to the benefits of clinical trials and research projects. The funding will come from the MRFF's Emerging Priorities and Consumer Driven Research initiative.	\$21 Million to be given to the Children's Medical Research Institute which focuses on innovation in microsurgery, immunisations against lethal childhood illnesses, and care for premature babies.	
<b>Climate Change and Health</b>		\$15 million to establish the National Health and Climate Centre at the University of New South Wales, coordinating research and responses to the impact of climate change on the health of Australians. To be funded from the \$300 million University Future Fund.	
<b>Science and Innovation</b>			
<b>Target for National R&amp;D Expenditure</b>		Increase to 3% of GDP by 2030 (currently around 1.9%).	Increase public and private investment in Research and Development (R&D) to 4% of GDP by 2030.
<b>Review of the Research System</b>		Instigate a Root and Branch Review of the Research System, led by former Chief Scientist Ian Chubb.	
<b>Australian Research Council</b>		Legislate a requirement that Ministers must table an explanation in Parliament within 15 sitting days of rejecting any recommendation of funding by the Chief Executive Officer.	\$2.557 billion boost to the Australian Research Council, National Health & Medical Research Council, and Cooperative Research Centres over the next decade.
<b>CRC Program</b>			\$2.557 billion boost to the Australian Research Council, National Health & Medical Research Council, and Cooperative Research Centres over the next decade.
<b>Science and Innovation Council</b>		Establish a Prime Minister's Science and Innovation Council, supported by a National Scientific Expert Panel. The Council will be responsible for providing advice to the PM and other Ministers on the implications of science, research, engineering and technology issues in the Australian context. It will advise Government on a strategic and whole-of-government approach to all aspects	

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		of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation.	
<b>National Science and Research Priorities</b>		Review and strengthen the National Science and Research priorities, giving the priorities a central role in guiding government investments in innovation, science and research.	
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b>		\$3 million for the establishment of a National Centre of AI Excellence.	
<b>Sustainable Research Excellence Program</b>			Restore the SRE Program.
<b>Indirect Research Costs</b>		To be considered in the proposed 'Root and Branch' review of Australia's Research System.	
<b>Research Infrastructure</b>			Increase funding to the Research Infrastructure Investment Strategy by \$2.177 billion over the decade.
<b>Science Charter</b>		Develop a charter with the Australian science and research community to establish the reciprocal roles and responsibilities of government and researchers.	Support the development and implementation of a science integrity charter to ensure respect for science and research across all government policy making.
<b>Supporting Women in Science and Research</b>	<p>\$5 million to fund the National Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network.</p> <p>This initiative's aim is to change the way women engage and work with health professionals and researchers. This move for change aims to prioritise, create evidence for, and access evidence-based health services, treatments and patient care for all women.</p>		
<b>Taxation</b>			
<b>R&amp;D Tax Incentive</b>		Will change the program objectives of the R&D Tax Incentive scheme so that improving	Improve the R&D Tax Incentive by reversing millions of dollars of government cuts and provide a 20% non-

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		<p>Australian Business collaboration with research institutions will be an explicit target. These reforms will help achieve Labor's national target of devoting 3% of GDP to research and development by 2030.</p> <p>The premium could be claimed by firms that engage in activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperating with a university or the CSIRO to develop an innovative new product</li> <li>• Embedding industry researchers within a university facility.</li> <li>• Employing recent PhD graduate in their first three years of employment.</li> <li>• Hiring PhD students to do industrial research with a company.</li> </ul>	<p>refundable tax offset for companies that hire STEM PhD students to work in their field of expertise.</p>
<p><b>Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)</b></p>	<p>\$308 million to lower the cost of life changing prescription medicines for over 1.4 million Australians with chronic conditions who require multiple medicines. From January 2020 the threshold to receive free or further discounted medicines through the PBS will be lowered by 12 scripts for pensioners and concession card holders and the equivalent of 2 scripts for non-concession card holders.</p>	<p>Matching Liberals \$308 million to lower the cost of life changing prescription medicines for over 1.4 million Australians with chronic conditions who require multiple medicines.</p>	
<p><b>Higher Education</b></p>			
<p><b>University Funding</b></p>	<p>\$74 million investment in the Murray-Darling Schools Network..</p>	<p>\$300 million University Future Fund to be used to invest in new research and teaching buildings, and projects that would help support jobs in communities around Australia. Almost \$10 billion to providing an extra 200,000 uncapped student places. \$2.5 million to invest in a new Clinical Simulation Lab for Flinders University.</p>	<p>5 point plan:                      1) Provide fee free undergraduate university and TAFE for all students                      2) Boost university funding by 10% per student                      3) Link additional funding for universities with an increase in security of work for university staff</p>

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		<p>\$7 million boost to funding of the Australian Catholic University's Blacktown CBD campus.</p>	<p>4) Tie the HELP repayment threshold to the median wage                      5) Raise student support payments like Youth Allowance, Austudy by \$75 a week and make all postgraduate students eligible for Austudy for the first time.</p>
<p><b>Regional students</b></p>		<p>Labor are committed to providing \$3.2 million for programs that work with students in country areas to encourage them to go to university or TAFE. These programs will be delivered through 22 new community-owned Regional Study Hubs, which have recently been announced.</p> <p>Labor will also appoint a dedicated Regional and Remote Commissioner to advise its proposed National Inquiry into Post-secondary Education.</p>	