

Federal Election 2025 Statement

Australia is in the fortunate position of producing among the world's best health and medical researchers and innovators and designing institutions to underpin the creation of new economic activity.

However, we stand at the precipice of monumental challenges to an already burgeoning health care system.

A strong health and medical research and innovation sector enables **greater health outcomes and productivity** through better health; **drives efficiencies** across Australia's health system; and delivers **new revenue opportunities** through creating an Australian industry and the export of health innovations.

Research Australia, as the national peak body representing the entire pipeline of health and medical research and innovation, **calls on all parties to prioritise investment and reform of the sector during the 48th Parliament.**

A cohesive, future-focused approach is essential for national health and economic prosperity. We have the potential to serve as a regional hub for world-class medical services and clinical trials, enhancing our global reputation as a leading health system and contributing to better health outcomes worldwide.

We thank those who have already expressed their commitment, and call for the next Parliament to work with Research Australia and the sector to **mobilise** the disparate parts of the pipeline, **activate policy** implementation and remove barriers for the sector to thrive, and **ignite** the urgency of doing this now.

Research Australia, following extensive consultation with its members has identified four priorities for reform.

Priority Reforms for the Health and Medical Research and Innovation Sector



A whole of systems approach to health and medical research



Smarter Investment in health and medical research



An enabled, supported and diverse health and medical research workforce



Advancing Primary Prevention

Underpinning these priorities are equitable health outcomes; collaboration; AI and digital health, data and data linkage.



Through the Australian Government's development of the National Health and Medical Research Strategy, which Research Australia have advocated for since 2021, as well as the current Strategic Examination into R&D, **we have the unique opportunity to reform and re-imagine a whole of system that sets up a future Australia.** One that is responsive, affordable, and sustainable. As well as one that enables Australia to reach its potential as a health and medical research innovation superpower.

Now is the time to establish Australia as a global leader in health and medical research and innovation. Ensuring a sustainable, responsive, and innovative system is vital for the health of our people and economy, securing prosperity for future generations.