

# FOR THE MANY, NOT THE FEW.

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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your recent communications regarding AAMRI's election policy statement and your positive response to the announcement of the Australian Greens science, research and innovation policy initiatives, which are attached.

As we have discussed the Australian Greens support the full capitalisation of the Medical Research Future Fund as set out in the forward estimates and recently released Commonwealth Budget. In addition, I wish to provide you with the following responses to the issues set out in AAMRI's election policy statement.

The Greens support rigorous and competitive expert review processes to evaluate Medical Research Future Fund opportunities and programs and the prioritisation of Medical Research Future Fund initiatives that seek to embed medical research within health services and deliver better health outcomes for patients.

The Australian Greens will provide continued strong support for new discoveries through the National Health and Medical Research Council and have committed to an additional investment of \$2.557 Billion for the Australia Research Council, National Health & Medical Research Council, and Cooperative Research Centres over the next decade, with \$1.036 Billion in new funding to the NHMRC including \$345.1 million over the forwards.

We want to attract and retain our best medical researchers by developing sustainable and rewarding career pathways. We support the use the Medical Research Future Fund to strategically invest in mid-career opportunities for our talented medical researchers and we support the making of strategic investments from the Medical Research Future Fund in industry-exchange and clinician researcher fellowships.

In addition we would spend over \$2.5 billion over the decade to support equitable and ongoing employment opportunities for researchers by:

- Establishing a 'Secure Work for Researchers' fund to assist universities and research institutes to transition their workers to ongoing, secure employment;
- Providing support for women in science;
- Ensuring additional funding to support early and mid-career researchers to attract and retain top research talents; and
- Investing in teacher training in STEM education

Yours sincerely,



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