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### **LACK OF VISION PUTS HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH ON THE SICK LIST**

ASMR applauds the Coalition pledge to appoint a full-time chair of NHMRC. This appointment is part of the ASMR Platform for Health and Medical Research presented to both the Coalition and the ALP during the course of the election campaign.

However, critical issues for health medical research in this country remain unaddressed by both major parties.

***Status quo funding, on offer from both sides, will not allow Australia to remain competitive internationally***

*Future economic growth will be knowledge based; if this is not understood or not acted upon, Australia will be left behind. Successful economies invest significantly in health medical research.*

Australians want good health and they are willing to pay more tax to fund medical research.

Outcomes from health medical research –

- improve health
- create jobs
- save welfare dollars

The Australian Society for Medical Research call upon all political parties to support our call for a commitment to expenditure on health medical research at 5% of national health outlays and a doubling of the NHMRC budget over the next five years. VISION NOW, REWARDS

## BEYOND 2000.

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