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What is your name?

Elif Ekinici

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Please select the type of individual(s) or organisation(s) you represent. Please select all that apply. - Selected Choice

Clinician (or representative organisation)

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What is the name of your organisation? - My organisation is called: - Text

Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations/University of Melbourne

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Are you making feedback on behalf of your organisation?

Yourself

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Please select which chapter/s you would like to provide feedback on. You may provide feedback on as many or few chapters as you wish.

2. Health technology funding and assessment pathways

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Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 2. Health technology funding and assessment pathways

2.1. Streamlining and aligning HTA pathways and advisory committees

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Taking all Options within this section: 2.1. Streamlining and aligning HTA pathways and advisory committees into account.

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Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

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If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

I would be grateful if the Health Technology Assessment Review would consider an evidence-based, streamlined pathway to allow evolving diabetes technology, including continuous glucose monitoring, to be subsidised for high-risk populations such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities with type 2 diabetes. In an ideal world, this pathway would also be extended to those people with type 1 diabetes and other high-risk groups with type 2 diabetes.

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If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Pathway for drugs for ultra-rare diseases (Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP))

Don't know

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If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Vaccine pathway

Don't know

48.3

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Expanding role of PBAC

Don't know

48.4

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Unified HTA pathway for all health technologies with Commonwealth funding

Positive

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In summary, considering all the draft reform options together:

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How confident are you that the reform options (if implemented) will make health technology assessments better overall?

Somewhat confident

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Finally, do you have any further comments about the draft Options Paper or consultation you would like to make before submitting your feedback?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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Do you have further comments or concerns to add specific to this topic that should be considered? For example, here you can detail any unintended consequences or overlooked considerations if applicable.

Working as an endocrinologist for 15 years, I've seen first-hand the devastating impact diabetes has on First Nations people. Unfortunately, the gap in outcomes in these communities has not improved over time, and diabetes remains the leading cause of morbidity and mortality. The burden on the individual and the broader health system is significant, with complications including diabetic kidney disease¹⁴ the leading cause of need for dialysis and transplantation¹⁵ and peripheral neuropathy resulting in amputations. Diabetes can also affect other small vessels causing blindness and heart failure and the large blood vessels, causing heart attacks and strokes. Our systematic review has shown that there is limited randomised controlled trial evidence in diabetes management for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with type 2 diabetes. We have been working with communities to look for solutions which could improve diabetes management.

With evolving technology, we have an opportunity to reduce these complications, improve quality of life and mortality rates, and reduce costs, by helping people living with type 2 diabetes more easily manage their condition.