

Committee Secretariat, Inquiry into Diabetes

Re: Terms of Reference 2 New evidence-based advances in the prevention, diagnosis and management of diabetes, in Australia and internationally

To the committee,

My wife (aged 73) has suffered from type 2 diabetes for many years. She used to have difficulty managing her insulin levels using the pin prick method. A few years ago she started to use the new type monitor produced by FreeStyle Libre and this has changed her life. The monitor gives her readings at any time she wants and more importantly it gives her an aural warning if her levels are not right and she needs to take urgent action. This can particularly happen at night, and it has woken her when her levels have been getting to dangerous readings.

The only problem with this type of monitor is the cost at about \$200 per month. This is obviously a strain on our budget and would be a similar significant strain for all pensioners.

Our request is that the subsidy available for these new types of management devices for people with type 1 diabetes be extended to include people with type 2 diabetes.

Thankyou for your attention.