

**To:** [Committee, Health \(REPS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Inquiry into Diabetes  
**Date:** Tuesday, 27 June 2023 7:15:14 PM

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To Committee Secretariat,

Re: Terms of Reference

5. The effectiveness of current Australian Government policies and programs to prevent, diagnose and manage diabetes.

Dear Committee,

As a parent of a child with Type 1 diabetes I urge the Committee to consider adding the Bionic Pancreas to the list of options available for management of Type 1 diabetes. This product is readily available in the USA.

Existing products are suitable for older children or adults who can manage the disease by themselves, but having a 6 year old at school is challenging with the child required to carry a phone at all times for CGM which often gets interrupted for various reasons, outside play and so on, which makes management of the disease at school extremely challenging as highs and lows go undetected for a period of time and often involves an early pick up from school to rectify. Missed school days are not our preferred outcome.

I would also like to bring to the Committee's attention lack of support from the hospital providing education to school staff on disease management with the hospital providing substandard support and the school left trying to reach out for support that is often not forthcoming. This has caused us a great deal of anxiety in our child's early school years.

Thank you for listening