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A Submission to the House of Representatives Parliamentary Inquiry
Into Diabetes HealthCare .

My Submission concerns the many advantages which The Abbott Free Style Libre system of blood glucose measuring and Monitoring has over the old finger pricking, applying blood to a sensor strip ,Inserting it into s measuring device , to get a reading applying only to that time. The Abbott Free Style Libre2 system uses a” sensor” applied to the arm that constantly measures the blood glucose level for 2 weeks until the sensor must be replaced.

The Sensor can be accessed at any time to get an uptodate readings by using a” Reader” which has multiple functions giving real time blood glucose reading, showing a graph of the fluctuations as the person has food or exercise and can regulate their food intake to keep within safe levels of blood glucose. It will give warnings if preset levels are over or under their safe levels. Travelling presents no problems as unusual foods will show up as increasing or decreasing blood glucose levels and can be used to adjust food or insulin use . .By using a free app. The person or carer can access the blood glucose levels without using The “Reader” making it more easily accessible.

The convenience and information it provides makes The Abbott Free Style Libre 2 system an indispensable health care item.

Unfortunately only Type 1 Diabetics have subsidised access to this Item while Type 2 Diabetics miss out. The product is expensive 2 Sensors Costs \$204,00 On a continuous supply scheme and lasts For 4 weeks.

Many diabetics cannot afford the on going cost and their health would be improved if they had subsidised access to Libre Freestyle2 . My wife has been diabetic using Insulin for twelve years and has used a Libre Free Style sensor and reader for five years and would not go back to pricking a finger again as it is so much more convenient.

I ask the Committee to consider the benefits to Type 2 Diabetics Having Subsidised access to this device and reducing the overall cost To the community from hospital admissions which Free Style Libre 2 could prevent.