

## SRHMRA Submission 124 — Zhi-Ping Feng

About every 10 years, there is an Aussie Nobel price winner in medicine related area. As a world leader in health and medical research and as a country blessed with wealth and resources, Australian has the potential to solve current and emerging health challenges, at home and overseas. A good medical research plan will not only help our researchers continue to realize this potential, but also encourage our young generation to devote to sciences and improve the public awareness of Australian medical pioneers position in the world.

Over the last two decades, the burden of disease has altered significantly. Chronic disease and mental health have replaced acute infectious diseases and acute vascular events as the leading cause of morbidity and mortality. Long term investment in medical research and breakthroughs can build Australia 's internationally competitive capacity in future across education, medical research and public health and health services.

My daughter was found to be a deaf when she was 5 and we immigrated in Australia about 10 years ago from China. She has been benefiting from Medical research for her hearing problem and now she is doing her PhD in Neuroscience. Compared with China and America, current expenditure on, and support for, health and medical research in Australia by governments at all levels, industry, non-government organizations, is less. I hope my daughter and I can work in medical research area for a long time, so we can use our knowledge and experience to make a contribution to Australian society.