

*Why is it in Australia's interest to have a viable, internationally competitive health and medical research sector?*

Australia has all the resources needed to invest in intellectual property but lags behind many European countries and Japan in education and innovation. This will in the future effect Australian economy and well being in the future.

*How might health and medical research be best managed and funded in Australia?*

Save money by fusing ARC and NHMRC. Make grant reviewing lighter and faster. Increase basic research funding to build enough resources and innovations for the applied approaches.

*What are the health and medical research strategic directions and priorities and how might we meet them?*

Increase basic research funding to build enough resources and innovations for the applied approaches. Only focusing on applied and or translational approaches has never been successful. Innovations and breakthroughs are hard to target by translational approaches.

*How can we optimise translation of health and medical research into better health and wellbeing?*

Better interactions between different disciplines for example clinicians and basic researchers. Basic researcher are good in solving problems but they need the right input in order to prioritize and answer the relevant questions.