



Attachment 3. Consultation Survey Questions

Consultation on Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy and Priorities

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Consent

If you are providing the department with personal information about another individual, unless you are authorised to consent on their behalf, you will need to inform that individual of the contents of this notice, and obtain their consent to the department collecting their personal information.

Contact details

If you wish to contact the department about a privacy-related matter, including questions about this notice, please contact the department's Privacy Officer by one of the following methods:

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- **Email**
privacy@health.gov.au
- **Telephone**
02 6289 1555

About you

1. What is your name? (optional)
2. What is your email address? (optional)
3. Are you providing feedback as an individual or an organisation? (either/or) (**required**)
 - Individual <go to Q4>
 - Organisation <go to Q8>

Individual

4. What is your residential state or territory? (optional)
 - NSW
 - VIC
 - QLD
 - WA
 - SA
 - TAS
 - ACT
 - NT
 - Other: please specify below
5. If you chose 'other', please specify location (optional)
6. What sector do you work in? (multiple options allowed) (**required**)
 - Member of the public (not involved in research)



- Member of the public (involved in research) - Consumer representative (not involved in research) - Consumer representative (involved in research) - Health professional - Researcher/academic - Industry - Philanthropy - Policy maker - Not currently working - Prefer not to say - Other: please specify below
7. If you chose 'other', please specify sector (optional)
Organisation
8. What is the name of your organisation? (required)
9. Which state or territory is your organisation based? (required) - NSW - VIC - QLD - WA - SA - TAS - ACT - NT - Other: please specify below
10. If you chose 'other', please specify location (optional)
11. What sector does your organisation operate in? (select all that apply) (required) - Consumers - Health Services - Research/Academia (universities, medical research institutes, other research organisation) - Industry - Philanthropy - Government - University (non-research)/other higher education - Advocacy - Other: please specify below
12. If you chose 'other', please specify sector (optional)



Submission introduction

This survey is structured in two parts: MRFF Strategy (2026-2031) and MRFF Priorities (2026-2028).

The MRFF Strategy (2026-2031) focuses on the overall direction of the MRFF, including the Vision, Strategic Objectives, Cross-cutting Principles and Shared Enablers. Respondents are asked to provide feedback on these elements. The Strategic Objectives are considered as a set and are addressed in a single question.

The MRFF Priorities (2026-2028) focuses on the proposed areas of investment and action. There are nine priorities, each considered individually. The same question is asked for each priority to enable targeted feedback, and you may choose to comment on as many or as few priorities as you wish.

A video submission is available as an alternative to completing the written survey and can be uploaded at the end of the survey.

13. How do you want to provide feedback? **(required)**

- In writing – complete the online survey <go to Q 14>
- By video only – upload or share a video only and skip the online survey <go to Q 30>

MRFF Strategy 2026-2031

The MRFF Strategy (2026-2031) sets the overall direction for the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). It includes the Vision, Strategic Objectives, Cross-cutting Principles and Shared Enablers.

You are invited to share your views on these elements. You can choose to comment on as many or as few sections as you wish; all are optional.

Each <text field> has a limit of 2,200 characters (approximately 400 words).

Vision

The Vision describes the future state the MRFF is working towards. It sets the long-term direction and guides the Strategy's objectives, priorities and investments.

The proposed Vision of the MRFF is: *Transforming health through research excellence and lasting impact.*

14. Does the proposed Vision best position the MRFF to transform health and medical research and innovation in Australia over the next five years?

Please select only one item (optional)

- Yes
- No

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

<text field>



Strategic Objectives

The Strategic Objectives of the MRFF are to deliver:

- A research-rich, data-enabled learning health system that continuously improves quality, efficiency, cultural safety, and equity
- Transformation of health care through AI and digital health advances that integrate preventive health, diagnostics and therapeutics across the care continuum
- End-to-end translation of discoveries and innovation into real-world impact - building sovereign capability and delivering measurable health and economic benefits
- Thriving health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through research that is community-governed and directed
- A health and medical research sector and health system positioned to understand and respond to determinants of health and wellbeing including emerging and future challenges of climate and environment change
- A skilled, sustainable, inclusive and future-ready health and medical research workforce that accelerates innovation, translation and system capability.

The Strategic Objectives are intended to describe the broad outcomes the MRFF is seeking to support through its investments from 2026 to 2031. They are intended to guide funding decisions and support collaboration across different parts of the health and medical research system, including research, healthcare, industry and the community. When responding to this question, you may wish to consider the broader system and how different parts work together.

15. Do the proposed Strategic Objectives set a clear and appropriate direction for delivering the MRFF Vision 2026-2031?

Please select only one item (optional)

- Yes
- No

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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Cross-cutting Principles

The following principles recognise the unique role of the MRFF within the health and medical research system in Australia and are intended to be embedded across all the strategic objectives outlined above and to guide the activities and initiatives funded by the MRFF.

To the greatest extent possible, these principles will inform the identification of the MRFF's Priorities and serve as the foundation upon which all grant opportunities are designed to realise the Strategic Objectives of the MRFF for 2026-2031.

- *Health equity*
- *Translation and implementation*
- *Sustained consumer and community involvement*
- *Prevention and early-intervention*
- *Systems-based and scalability*
- *Partnerships and co-investments.*



16. Will the proposed cross-cutting principles support successful delivery of the MRFF Strategy 2026-2031?

Please select only one item (optional)

- Yes
- No

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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Shared Enablers

The shared enablers describe the common capabilities, infrastructure, coordination mechanisms and workforce needed to deliver the strategic objectives and strengthen the impact of MRFF-funded activity across the strategy. They operate across all strategic objectives, providing the practical, system-wide foundations for measurable, equitable and enduring improvements in health and wellbeing from 2026 to 2031.

These shared enablers will guide the development of MRFF investment and help ensure funded research is coordinated, implemented and sustained across the health and medical research system.

- Coordinated & complementary MRFF and NHMRC investment
- Connected research workforce across academia, health services and lived experience
- Integrated national research ecosystem
- Innovative trials design and methodologies
- Advanced and emerging research technologies.

17. Will the shared enablers support the successful delivery of the MRFF Strategy 2026-2031?

Please select only one item (optional)

- Yes
- No

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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Further Feedback on the MRFF Strategy

18. Are there any additional issues or feedback on the proposed Strategy that have not been addressed above? (optional)

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MRFF Priorities 2026-2028

The proposed MRFF priorities for 2026-2028 are:

- *AI in research and health systems*
- *Integrated digital health systems*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community governed and directed research*
- *Advanced therapeutics and emerging technology*
- *Health impacts from environmental factors, including climate change*
- *Multiomics-informed healthcare*
- *Determinants of health*
- *Embedding research in the health system*
- *Skilled and sustainable health and medical research workforce.*

Further details on the Proposed Priorities can be found in the Consultation Guide.

You will be asked the same questions for each of the 9 Priorities, however you can choose to respond to as many or as few as you are comfortable with. When providing feedback, you may wish to consider how each Priority supports the broader MRFF Strategy.

19. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *AI in research and health systems*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

<text field>

20. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Integrated digital health systems*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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21. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community governed and directed research*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed



- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)
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22. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Advanced therapeutics and emerging technology*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)
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23. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Health impacts from environmental factors, including climate change*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)
<text field>

24. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Multiomics-informed healthcare*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)
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25. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Determinants of health*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed



Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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26. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Embedding research in the health system*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

<text field>

27. Considering the proposed Priority 2026-2028 of *Skilled and sustainable health and medical research workforce*, are there any important elements not captured in this Priority that should be included?

Please select only one item

- The priority is well addressed
- Additional elements are needed

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

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Priority Populations

A fundamental aim of the Australian health system is to prevent disease, intervene early and reduce the burden of ill health, helping people to live healthier lives for longer. Population groups that experience social inequalities and disadvantage resulting in health inequity are considered “priority populations”. Wherever appropriate, the MRFF will promote research that is conducted with the genuine involvement of priority populations to investigate appropriate solutions to health challenges.

For the duration that the MRFF Priorities 2026-2028 are in force, MRFF Priority Populations includes:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantages
- people in remote/rural communities
- people with disability (including people with intellectual disability)
- people from CALD communities (including people who are immigrants or refugees)
- LGBTIQ+ people
- children and youth
- older people experiencing diseases of ageing (e.g. cognitive decline and dementia)



- people with rare or currently untreatable diseases/conditions
- people with mental health conditions (including substance use disorders).

28. Are the proposed Priority Populations appropriate for guiding equity considerations across the proposed MRFF Priority 2026-2028?

Please select only one item (Optional)

- Yes
- No

Please provide reasoning for your answer (optional)

<Text field>

Further Feedback on the MRFF Priorities

29. Is there any additional feedback on the proposed Priorities you would like to provide that has not been addressed above? (Optional)

<text field>

Video submission

A video submission is available as an alternative to completing the written survey.

30. You can upload a video file by clicking 'Choose file', or you can share a link to your online video in the text field below. Please note file size is limited to 25MB, and format is video only. We recommend video submissions are under 10 minutes duration.

To make sure we can view your response, we encourage you to use .mp4 format.

- Choose file
- <Text field>

Consent to publish

We may publish responses submitted to this consultation.

31. Can we publish your response to this consultation? **(required)**

- Yes, you can publish with my name and organisation
- Yes, but keep my name private
- No