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Dear Professor

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your service as a member of the Medical Research Future Fund Targeted Translation Research Accelerator (TTRA) Plan Expert Advisory Panel.

The Australian Government is concerned about diabetes (Type 1 and 2) and cardiovascular disease and has prioritised efforts to improve outcomes for people living with these chronic diseases, including through research.

The Research Plan developed by the Expert Advisory Panel provides an innovative and consumer-centred approach for investing in research to improve our understanding of these chronic diseases and their impacts, accelerate promising therapeutic approaches and devices for the prevention, early detection, management and treatment of disease related complications for diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2) and cardiovascular disease, and develop models of care that have a clear focus on patient outcomes.

I particularly want to acknowledge and appreciate how quickly you and colleagues were able to respond to my request for a Research Plan – I know consumers and the community will be very grateful for your quick work as it will allow research projects to commence as early as possible.

I look forward to seeing the great projects that will be funded through open competitive grant opportunities that will disburse funding through the Research Plan, and the great outcomes that these research projects will generate.

Should you have any questions or require further information, I encourage you to contact Dr Masha Somi, Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Medical Research Office at masha.somi@health.gov.au or (02) 6289 7705.

Thank you again for your contribution to the Research Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Butler', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mark Butler

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