Diabetes Australia welcomes the release of the new National Diabetes Strategy framework for action.

“Diabetes is a big, urgent and serious challenge for Australia. Around 280 Australians develop diabetes every day – that’s about 100,000 more people with diabetes in the past year” according to Diabetes Australia’s CEO Prof Greg Johnson.

Diabetes Australia welcomed the release by the Minister for Health of a discussion paper on a new national framework for action.

“It is important to promote a bigger national discussion of the issues surrounding this growing epidemic. The proposed National Diabetes Strategy is the opportunity for all people affected by diabetes, as well as health professionals, researchers, policy makers and politicians to acknowledge the seriousness of this epidemic and participate in building sustained, nationally consistent programs to prevent, detect and better manage diabetes in Australia.”

“Too many plans are just paper. This should be about coordinated action. The cost of doing too little to stem this epidemic is very apparent. Much more needs to be done to continue to improve outcomes and alleviate the burden on individuals, families and the community. We need to take firm policy decisions as a nation for the future. We also need to ensure funding and resources support the framework for action.”

“We look forward to coordinated action in coming years to stop more people from developing type 2 diabetes; to ensure we detect diabetes early and deliver the optimal treatments; to do much better at preventing the blindness, kidney damage, amputations, heart attacks and strokes that too often affect people with diabetes.”

“Information and support for the more than 1.5 million Australians who currently have diabetes is vital so they can self-monitor and self-manage their condition and live healthy and productive lives.”


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