



30 June 2020

The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health
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Dear Minister Hunt,

RE: Recommendation 1 in the Allergies and Anaphylaxis Inquiry Report

On behalf of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA), Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA), the Centre for Food & Allergy Research (CFAR) and the National Allergy Strategy (NAS), we would like to thank you for supporting the Parliamentary Inquiry into Allergies and Anaphylaxis.

In response to the tabling of the Parliamentary Inquiry Report *Walking the allergy tightrope* (Report), we are jointly writing to you regarding Recommendation 1.

As you may be aware, the ASCIA, A&AA and the CFAR have been working collaboratively for many years. The NAS is a partnership between ASCIA and A&AA, in collaboration with CFAR as a key stakeholder since 2015.

As the key organisations working in allergy in Australia, we are writing to you to express our willingness to work together and with the Australian government should you choose to support and progress Recommendation 1 of the Report.

Our shared vision is to have a National Council for Allergy and Anaphylaxis that is consumer centred and progresses implementation of clinical care standards, education and training informed by the best evidence from research. The aim of this Council would be to optimise and standardise allergy management for Australians with allergic diseases.

We believe that ASCIA and A&AA, as the peak medical and consumer bodies for allergy in Australia, should be partners in the proposed Council, alongside CFAR with representation from other major allergy research bodies. We envisage that the NAS will be integrated into the proposed Council, so that the priorities will continue to progress as part of the new structure.

We are aligned in keeping the health and wellbeing of Australians with allergic disease at the forefront of all we do and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss Recommendation 1 from the Report.

Sandra Vale, National Allergy Strategy Manager, is available to assist with coordinating a meeting (0407 081 336 or sandra@allergy.org.au) should you be available to meet with us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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