



australasian society of clinical immunology and allergy

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Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health
Australian Government
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Hunt,

Re: ASCIA Feedback on Recommendations in the Allergies and Anaphylaxis Inquiry Report

On behalf of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA), thank you again for your support of the Allergies and Anaphylaxis Inquiry and Report.

Further to our letter to you on 19 June 2020, we are providing you with the attached 12 page summary of ASCIA feedback on recommendations in the Allergies and Anaphylaxis Inquiry Report:

[Walking the allergy tightrope - Addressing the rise of allergies and anaphylaxis in Australia](#)

We have now reviewed all 24 recommendations in the Report.

Whilst ASCIA supports all of the recommendations in the Report, we believe that implementing certain key recommendations as a priority, will address major issues and result in significant improvements to the health of Australians with allergic disease, with immediate and long term impact. We have grouped the relevant issues along common 'themes' as shown in the table below:

Theme	Report recommendations
Education, Training and Resources for Health Professionals	5
Access to Care – Workforce, Telehealth and Item Numbers	6, 7, 8, 13, 23
Collaborations and Research	1, 2

Implementation of the Report recommendations listed above will:

- Improve education and training in allergies and anaphylaxis for health professionals.
- Improve access to care through workforce, telehealth and MBS item number changes.
- Standardise allergy care and management to improve the quality of patient care.
- Increase research into allergies and anaphylaxis.

We hope that this feedback from ASCIA will assist the Australian Government in the process of approving recommendations in the Report. If you have any questions about the ASCIA feedback please email jill@allergy.org.au

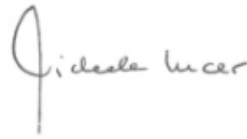
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We look forward to an opportunity to meet to discuss our feedback on the Report recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



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