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### **Deans congratulate new NHMRC leadership team**

Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand (Medical Deans) congratulates the 13 Council members appointed to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) today.

The Hon Sussan Ley, Minister for Health acknowledged the breadth of talent and skills on the new Council including members of Medical Deans, the Chair and Dean of the University of Sydney Medical School, Professor Bruce Robinson AM and the Executive Dean of Flinders University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Professor Michael Kidd AM.

This distinguished Council will also be ably supported by their CEO, Professor Anne Kelso who recently presented her vision for the organisation at a recent meeting of all Deans in Canberra.

'The leadership provided by the NHMRC is fundamental to achieving excellence in medical research in Australia, said the President of Medical Deans, Professor Nicholas Glasgow.

'Even more so now as the Government establishes the strategic directions and operations of the new Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF)'.

Professor Glasgow said that it is pivotal that the NHMRC is central to the planning of this exciting initiative.

Australian universities administer 79% of all NHMRC funding for medical research and provide the essential training platform for tomorrow's doctor scientists.

Professor Glasgow said building essential research collaborations between universities, health service providers and the NHMRC will improve our health system overall.

Medical Deans is made up of the Deans of Australia's 18 university medical schools and the two New Zealand schools.

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