

Katter calls on Minister to extend diabetes funding to over 21s

16 April 2018: KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter has written to the Minister for Health today requesting that the funding for people suffering type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and can benefit from Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM), be expanded to include people over the age of 21.

At present, funding is only available to eligible people who are under the age of 21 that are type 1 and type 2 diabetes patients who would like better glucose control to improve the health and quality of their lives.

But pressure continues from people older than 21 that desperately could use the same support.

In his letter, Mr Katter writes, "We understand that many people live with type 1 diabetes throughout their adult lives. We also understand that many recognise CGM technology as the most superior technology available. With secondary alarm capacity, CGM is lifesaving and to deny those outside of the current age bracket an opportunity to access funding for this treatment is unfair.

"The response from patients currently undergoing CGM seems very positive and we would consider this to be a huge success on your part Minister. This funding success story is a clear indication of the future for adult T1D patients if they had access to the funding as well.

"This additional funding is important to increasing the quality of life for all Australians, not just those under 21."

Mr Katter submitted the letter to the Minister for Health, Greg Hunt, on Monday 16 April and will continue to apply pressure for an adequate response.

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