



Hon Nicola Roxon MP - Minister for Health and Ageing

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Dear Ms Roxon

With your dedication to children and family health, we hope that you will take an interest in expanding Australia's Newborn Screening Program, and consider adding **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)** to the conditions currently screened for – as it is in most developed countries of the world.

With early treatment, children with CAH enjoy a wonderful quality of life. A **delay in diagnosis can be fatal** for children with more severe forms of CAH, but even for those with less severe CAH, the impact of late diagnosis carries a unique burden. Growth and pubertal development are affected, and children must then consult specialists and take expensive, unpleasant drugs for many years to ensure their development progresses as steadily as possible.

Whilst the **financial savings of diagnosing CAH early would be substantial**, the emotional, social and psychological burden on children and families would be enormously reduced.

Yours sincerely

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**Thank-you for considering addition of
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)
to Australia's Newborn Screening Program.**