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Diabetes Australia unites for diabetes

Diabetes Australia announced today that the national voice for Australians affected by all types of diabetes will be strengthened.

By unanimous resolution of the current members, the NSW and ACT diabetes organisations have been appointed as member organisations of Diabetes Australia, in a move that has been warmly welcomed.

The NSW and ACT organisations have not been members of the national organisation Diabetes Australia for the past five years.

"This reunification means that the national voice of people affected by all types of diabetes will be even more influential," said President of Diabetes Australia, Hon Judi Moylan. "The division of the past few years has not helped our cause - but now we will be more united for diabetes and working strongly together."

Mr Leo Tutt, Chairman of the Board of the newly named Diabetes NSW* organisation said "We look forward to enhancing the lives of the 1.7 million Australians currently with diabetes working as part of Diabetes Australia on national matters and focusing our members on the big challenges facing us in NSW as our core interest."

Ms Anna Pino, President of Diabetes ACT also welcomed the move saying, "Together we will be much more successful in garnering support from governments, national business and community leaders and philanthropy."

There are over 2 million Australians at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes and 280 Australians who go on to develop diabetes every day. This is a major threat to the health and productivity of Australia today and future generations.

Diabetes Australia was established in 1984 and strives to reduce the impact of diabetes by combining the voice of state and territory diabetes consumer organisations, health professional and research organisations dedicated to diabetes.

**Diabetes NSW is the new trading name for Australian Diabetes Council (which previously operated as Diabetes Australia NSW for many years)*

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