

Make Parkinson's a Priority is the Action Platform created by Parkinson's Australia, all state-based Parkinson's organisations, Shake It Up Australia and the Parkinson's community to reflect the needs of the 70,000 people living with, and 700,000 people affected by Parkinson's.

The
Parkinson's
community asks
the Government to
Make Parkinson's
a Priority
through:

- Recognition of Parkinson's as a National Health Priority Area;
- Investment in better care and support for people living with Parkinson's through equitable access to Parkinson's Nurse Specialists and equitable access to medications and therapies;
- Investment and capacity building in Parkinson's research; and,
- Investment in upskilling the workforce to enable timely diagnosis, better care and support of people living with Parkinson's.

Make Parkinson's a Priority includes cost-effective responses to the impact of population ageing and an increase in the number of Australians living with Parkinson's. Our platforms enable people with Parkinson's to stay in the workforce longer, continue to live independently in their own homes, increase productivity and savings, and reduce the demand for care.

Make Parkinson's a Priority encourages self-management of the disease and therefore assists the Government to reduce costs associated with Parkinson's. In simple terms, better care and treatment keeps people out of hospitals and residential care.

President of Parkinson's Australia, Paul Davies, says: "Parkinson's Australia is seeking a commitment from the Commonwealth and States to a best practice, evidence based and nationally consistent approach to supporting people living with Parkinson's and for investment in research to find better treatments and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's."

We ask you to become a **Parliamentary Friend of Parkinson's** to support the work of Parkinson's Australia in improving funding for services and to broaden research and awareness for people living with Parkinson's.