## JOINT STATEMENT diabetes australia





## A joint statement from Diabetes Australia and Diabetes Victoria

Diabetes Victoria will cease to be a member of Diabetes Australia from 31 March 2025.

Diabetes Australia will continue its role as the national peak body including overseeing the National Diabetes Service Scheme (NDSS). Diabetes Victoria will continue to operate as the Victorian peak body and NDSS state agent.

Diabetes Australia will continue to work with Diabetes Victoria as it does with other statebased diabetes organisations.

The change in membership will not impact any existing state-based service delivery or local state-based support programs provided to people living with diabetes.

Australians will continue to benefit from a nationally delivered, consistent and equitable access model from Diabetes Australia, alongside the community-based delivery that statebased organisations like Diabetes Victoria have excelled at.

Diabetes Australia Chair, Mr Rutherford said "This change allows Diabetes Australia and Diabetes Victoria to focus on their own strategic priorities and individual missions. Diabetes Australia will continue to focus on working with stakeholders across the country to deliver equal access for Australians living with or at risk of diabetes, irrespective of their location or socio-economic circumstances."

Diabetes Victoria President, Mr Loveridge said "our commitment to improving the lives of people affected by diabetes is stronger than ever. We will continue our outstanding work in relation to the prevention of diabetes in Victoria, and support, education, and care of those affected by diabetes across the state."

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