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Dear Minister

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Thank you for your letter, dated 20 April 2022, directing the Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Advisory Council to provide recommendations to you on how money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account should be applied during current and future financial years.

As set out in the FHRI Fund Governance Framework, Programs and Initiatives provide the mechanism through which FHRI Account moneys are applied. The Advisory Council notes that in accordance with the *Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012* and the FHRI Fund Governance Framework, Priorities and Programs and Initiatives are subject to the Minister's approval.

The Advisory Council met on 7 December 2023 and resolved to recommend the following programs that have been developed by the Department of Health:

- nine new FHRI Fund programs
- one Co-Funding Partnership proposal
- two existing FHRI programs for continuation

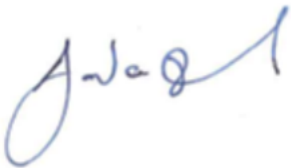
The Advisory Council also resolved to withdraw/discontinue one program due to an assessment of value for money and timing and agreed that the program would be redesigned to be more effective and efficient in terms of assisting WA to secure national funding.

The Advisory Council is satisfied that the new programs have been developed appropriately and align with the FHRI Fund Priority Goals and the refreshed Strategy.

These Programs and Initiatives, and other existing Programs and Initiatives with potential expenditure in 2023-24 and beyond, are formally recommended in Attachment 1, for your approval.

Thank you for your support of the FHRI Fund and I look forward to receiving your decision regarding the Programs and Initiatives that the Advisory Council has recommended.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Van Der Wielen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Van Der Wielen

CHAIRPERSON

FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

11 December 2023

Att 1: FHRI Fund Recommended Programs and Initiatives