

Agenda 2025

ENDING HIV TRANSMISSION IN AUSTRALIA

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**Australia
can end HIV
transmission
by 2025**



**If we renew policy
and investment**



Prevention



Testing



Treatment



Stigma



**So that by 2030
we will avert
thousands of HIV
transmissions and
free up health
resources**





Ending HIV transmission in Australia

Australia can end HIV transmission by 2025 and achieve virtual elimination. This historic achievement will only happen with a clear plan, re-focussed policy commitments and sustained effort. Agenda 2025 is our plan to achieve this goal.

Defining elimination

Agenda 2025 adopts the UNAIDS definition of HIV elimination: a 90% reduction in Australian infections compared to a 2010 baseline. Australia has extremely low rates of HIV in sex workers and people who inject drugs and has virtually eliminated mother-to-child transmission. Two-thirds of new HIV diagnoses are in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.

Leaving no one behind

The rate of HIV among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is above that of Australian born non-Indigenous people. Additionally, an increasing proportion of HIV diagnoses are among people born overseas. Eliminating HIV means we must reach all those affected, including people from priority populations, women and heterosexual men with HIV.



Prevention

Sustain gains and drive further reductions through community-led campaigns and peer education.

💡 **\$20M PA**

Provide subsidised HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to all who can benefit from it, regardless of visa status, on public health grounds.

💡 **<\$10M PA**

Make PrEP and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) available over the counter at pharmacies.

💡 **\$0**

Establish minimum service levels and a national partnership agreement with States and Territories for community-led education and services, surveillance and public sexual health care.

💡 **Subject to negotiation**



Treatment

Remove Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme co-payments for HIV treatment on public health grounds, consistent with other STIs, TB and serious vaccine preventable disease.

💡 **\$1.55M PA**

Extend HIV treatment and clinical care to all people with HIV in Australia, regardless of visa status, on public health grounds.

💡 **\$12M PA**

Develop models for peer-led contact tracing and wrap-around clinical and peer support at diagnosis.

💡 **\$300K**

Establish a priority track for the registration and funding of tests and medicines needed for public health.

💡 **\$0**

Investment required

\$53m

In addition to a National Partnership Agreement with the States and Territories, an investment of \$53 million per year is required to achieve the goal of Agenda 2025.

Testing



Allow the sale of registered HIV self-tests in pharmacies and other appropriate retailers.

💡 **\$0**

Create a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item so clinicians can provide patients with an HIV self-test they can use at home between clinical visits.

💡 **As per Medical Services Advisory Committee advice.**

Create an MBS item for rapid HIV testing so doctors can give initial results while awaiting lab confirmation.

💡 **As per Medical Services Advisory Committee advice.**

Offer HIV testing on an opt-out basis when blood is drawn in settings where undiagnosed HIV is likely to be higher.

💡 **\$0**

Stigma



Establish an inter-governmental taskforce with support from the Australian Law Reform Commission to decriminalise HIV and remove visa conditions contrary to public health.

💡 **\$0**

Implement targeted education programs to reduce stigma in settings where it is especially acute (eg dentistry, other health care settings etc).

💡 **\$3M PA**

Establish an HIV media program to positively engage journalists, digital content developers and influencers to tackle stigma.

💡 **\$1M PA**

Fund foundational and implementation research to better understand and monitor HIV stigma and build evidence for effective interventions.

💡 **\$5M PA**



Elimination of HIV transmission

A reduction in HIV incidence in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men to less than one per 1,000 per year is the pathway to elimination of HIV transmission in Australia by 2025.

Targets

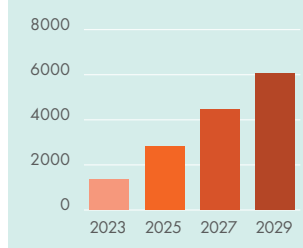
95% of people living with HIV are diagnosed

95% of people at risk of HIV infection use one or more forms of effective HIV prevention

98% of diagnosed people living with HIV are on treatment

95% of people living with HIV report no stigma in the last 12 months

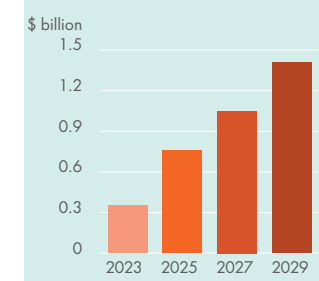
Infections averted



total infections averted by 2030

6,000+

Total savings



lifetime savings from over 6,000 infections averted

\$1.4 billion

Making it work



Government leadership
Committing to Agenda 2025 to provide policy and funding certainty for the HIV partnership.



Community action
Mobilising communities, activating expertise and implementing innovations with new investment from the Commonwealth, States and Territories.



Centring populations
Supporting people living with HIV and those at risk to remain mobilised to achieve our goal.



Clinical response
Building the workforce to provide the world's best treatment and care, including for those with complex social needs and co-morbidities.



Research expertise
Investing in research to guide implementation and surveillance to know the plan is on track.

Consensus for action

