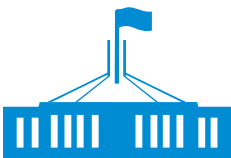




SAVE MONEY, TIME AND PAIN FOR THE NATION.

LET'S MAKE PHYSIOTHERAPY A PRIORITY.



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The problem:
Most Australians will experience musculoskeletal issues during their lives.



One in four live with a musculoskeletal condition like chronic back pain. Musculoskeletal conditions account for one in six GP visits and almost a quarter of emergency department presentations – clogging up waitlists.



The solution:
Funded first contact physiotherapy.

Reform Medicare items to establish a dedicated physiotherapy pathway for musculoskeletal disorders and chronic conditions.

In a funded First Contact Physiotherapy model of care, patients can see a physiotherapist first in a primary care setting and receive the care they need while avoiding out-of-pocket costs. People get direct access to expert assessment, diagnosis, and treatment and it reduces the burden on GPs, hospitals and emergency departments.

**Put patients
at the centre
of care.**

