



3 October 2008

The Hon Nicola Roxon MP  
Minister for Health  
The Commonwealth of Australia  
House of Representatives  
PO Box 6022  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Roxon,

**Re: Insulin Pumps for Type 1 Diabetes and the Protheses List**

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your recent decision to establish a new part of the Protheses List for clinically effective and cost effective devices which will ensure that insulin pumps remain accessible to many Australians with Type 1 Diabetes.

We have, and will continue to, communicate your decision, as advised to the Medical Technology Association of Australia on 23rd September, to our members, people with Type 1 Diabetes, who have received it with delight. Our online community of young adults with Type 1 Diabetes [www.realitycheck.org.au](http://www.realitycheck.org.au) is today aflood with messages of thanks and relief.

Amongst the more than 5,000 Australians who rely on insulin pump therapy to manage their Type 1 Diabetes, there are numerous testimonies of significantly improved health and wellbeing achieved with the assistance of this important technology, and all of us who have been fortunate enough to experience this are most pleased that insulin pump therapy will remain as an option for many more Australians in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Australians affected by Type 1 Diabetes.

Yours sincerely,

**Kate Gilbert**  
**President**