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RE: Submission for the review of insulin pumps

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to cut backs on funding for the Insulin Pump, a computerised device that aids in the treatment of Type 1 Diabetes.

On the 14th of August 2009, my then 12-year-old daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. To say that on that day our lives changed would be an understatement. There was a lot to take in. Our day was run by a timetable of checking blood glucose levels; exact measuring of carbs, timing of meals and injections of insulin.

On the 20th July 2010 she started using an insulin pump. Since then life with Type 1 Diabetes has become more manageable. She still has to check her BGL regularly but she can now choose her mealtimes and the amount of carb intake. Her Hba1c, although always good, is easier to keep on track, as the pump is far more accurate in administering insulin.

I cannot imagine life without an insulin pump. Not only for my daughter but also for me as a parent knowing that she has better control of her diabetes. Having to live with Type 1 Diabetes is difficult enough, but not having access to the technology of an insulin pump would be a persecution. Every Australian deserves the best medical technology there is, not just the ones who can afford it and this should apply to the insulin pump.

I hope you will take all that I have said into consideration and show support for my cause.

Yours truly,
