



Government
of South Australia

Department for
Industry and Skills

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the South Australian Department for Industry and Skills, it is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the Next-Generation Lung Diagnostic Imaging Stage One proposal being submitted to the Medical Research Future Fund's Frontier Health and Medical Research Program by the University of Adelaide.

South Australia is home to a vibrant biomedical research community, a priority sector for the South Australian Government. The \$3.6 billion Adelaide BioMed City is a visible commitment - a vibrant hub of knowledge and clinical practice attracting committed researchers, practitioners, industry partners and entrepreneurs. Adelaide BioMed City, one of the largest health science hubs in the southern hemisphere, seeks to translate and apply new knowledge in frontier areas to deliver a healthy future faster. Together, the Royal Adelaide Hospital, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia and Flinders University have laid the foundations for Adelaide BioMed City.

Leveraging the capability, talent and innovation developed within Adelaide BioMed City, is possible through the South Australian Government's \$28 Million Research, Commercialisation and Startup Fund. This fund supports translating world-class research into industry or commercial outcomes and helps new and existing entrepreneurs start and scale their innovative early stage businesses. Top up funding for Stage Two of this MRFF program may be considered through this Fund. Additionally, industry's role in maximising the benefit for the economy and the community of health and medical projects and startups is facilitated locally by the Medical Technology Enterprise Centre (MedTEC) South Australia. The MedTEC, seed funded by the South Australian Government, is an industry-led medical technology cluster that aggregates, connects, invests in and advances opportunities locally to address the global health care market.

This proposal comes together after more than a decade of academic and industry collaborations through the University of Adelaide, Industry and other Adelaide BioMed City partners. South Australia's local research imaging infrastructure and high technology manufacturing capabilities are well positioned and with your investment, ready to advance this collaboration to the next stage, to address an unmet clinical need for the benefit of Australia. Together with Professor Caroline McMillen, Chief Scientist for South Australia, we look forward to engaging with the lead investigator as their plans develop, considering opportunities for the South Australia Government's involvement as the proposal advances.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Halliday'.

Dr Judy Halliday

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