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Essential Medicines? It's a no brainer!

One. More. Day.

Accessing life-changing medications shouldn't have to be something we wait years for. We shouldn't have to wait for life-changing medication at all, especially when lives are at stake.

We have one more day until we find out the outcome from the November PBAC meeting. From tomorrow, we will learn if Trikafta is approved for the 6 to 11 year age group. That is hundreds of children who will benefit from this treatment if it is approved. This includes future generations of children yet to get to this age, and even babies who are yet to be born – all of whom will benefit from this essential medicine. It really is a no brainer!

I stand strong in my support that the only outcome we can accept is for it to be recommended.

I mentioned that hundreds of children will benefit from this medication, however when we factor in the thousand more family and friends who will be impacted, along with the reduced medical requirements that all fall under secondary impact from having access to Trikafta, the on-going effect is enormous.

I recently attended a conference where CEO of the Lung Foundation, Mark Brooke commented that "Health isn't a cost, it is an income generator." This is because people who are healthy are able to contribute to society and have full lives and this is my hope for Australian's living with cystic fibrosis. I have been working hard to ensure that our nation's decision makers are well aware of the benefits of investing in medications like Trikafta. We have seen so many great outcomes for those eligible in our community in the 12+ age group.

As soon as I get word regarding tomorrow's outcome, I will be sure to let you know.

If we have a positive outcome and Trikafta is recommended, our work does not stop. We need to ensure the turn around time between this approval and it being readily available for our children is done as quickly as possible. We can not delay access.

If we get any other outcome, again, I will fight hard to understand the reason and how we can push for a positive outcome for our children.

Accessing medication is only one element of our work at Cystic Fibrosis Australia. We know that there are many other challenges our community face on a daily basis.

My fight will not stop until all lives are unaffected by cystic fibrosis.

As we head into the New Year, I am asking you to help us reach our goal of \$20,000 in December to fund this critical work. I know we still have a lot to do for our community and we need your support to ensure we can continue driving these outcomes.



With just over two weeks until the 1st of January, please support Cystic Fibrosis Australia.

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Thank you for your partnership and to all of you who have supported us to this point.

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