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### Development of the National Preventive Health Strategy

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**Organisation:**

Getting to Sustainability

### Vision and Aims of the Strategy

#### 4 Are the vision and aims appropriate for the next 10 years? Why or why not?

**Vision and aims :**

Yes but in relation to investing in prevention, let's reiterate that "investments in prevention should be evidence-based and sufficiently maintained to translate to health outcomes and economic savings over the long term".

### Goals of the Strategy

#### 5 Are these the right goals to achieve the vision and aims of the Strategy. Why or why not? Is anything missing?

**Goals :**

The word environments is too vague - let's echo the Ottawa Charter to specify the pursuit of physical, natural, social and policy environments.

### Mobilising a Prevention System

#### 6 Are these the right actions to mobilise a prevention system?

**Enablers :**

Somewhere in this document there should be reference to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, climate change risks ('changing' weather is insufficient), and the existing Framework for a National Strategy on climate, health and well-being for Australia. There is no point having everyone eating well, exercising and not smoking if we're all threatened by food insecurity, air pollution, fires, storms and floods. The published literature has shown that prevention professionals are well-positioned to facilitate change across different industry/work sectors to prepare for and indeed help prevent some of the worst impacts of climate change which Australians are already experiencing.

### Boosting Action in Focus Areas

#### 7 Where should efforts be prioritised for the focus areas?

**Boosting Actions:**

Climate change is already having a dreadful impact on Australians - it needs to be included as a focus area alongside our ongoing efforts to reduce tobacco use, increase adoption of healthy diet choices, increase physical activity, increase cancer screening, improve immunisation coverage and reduce harm from drugs and alcohol. And whatever happened to our concerns about mental health and injury prevention?

### Continuing Strong Foundations

#### 8 How do we enhance current prevention action?

**Continuing Strong Foundations:**

We need to expand the number and type of settings considered part of prevention. This document needs to acknowledge that workplaces are part of 'the community' and that the corporate sector has a role to play in addition to their efforts in Workplace Health and Safety obligations and ESG/sustainability reporting/social license to operate/climate change responsibilities - this is not inconsistent with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations.

### Additional feedback/comments

## 9 Any additional feedback/comments?

### **Additional feedback:**

Ambition is lacking in this Strategy and the words should truly highlight what we know to be compelling arguments for strong action across society, particularly vulnerable groups.

Australia's National Preventive Health Strategy needs to be far more inspiring in terms of the potential gains and a call to action for people from diverse settings and indeed the corporate sector, local government sector and so on. Health should not simply be the responsibility of the healthcare sector. We're all in this together.

Ideally, preventive strategies should not stand alone, but be integrated into the work of many others through mechanisms such as good old organisational capacity building.

It also needs to be acknowledged that comparable countries such as the UK have begun to measure the national rate of wellbeing and New Zealand has even gone so far as to design its entire budget based on wellbeing priorities and instruction to its ministries to design policies to improve wellbeing. Australia would do well to follow their lead.