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Notre Dame Partners in new \$55m Research Centre

The University of Notre Dame Australia is a partner in a major new Federal Government-funded initiative aimed at improving the future health of Australians through the development and use of ground-breaking Digital Health Technology.

Notre Dame is part of the national Digital Health CRC (Co-operative Research Centre), a consortium of private corporations, government bodies and Australian universities tasked with developing exciting new medical technologies to support clinical care, empower consumers and resolve inefficient or wasteful practices within the Australian healthcare system.

The consortium, chaired by Professor Christine Bennett AO, Dean of the School of Medicine, Sydney at Notre Dame University, brings together 40 commercial and government organisations operating across the health, aged care and disability sectors, 24 technology, advisory and investment companies and 16 universities, including Notre Dame.

The Federal Government today announced funding of \$55 million for the Digital Health CRC over the next seven years which, when combined with contributions from participating partners, will bring the total investment to more than \$200 million.

Launching the initiative in Sydney today (Friday, April 13) Senator Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation, said that the CRC brings together industry and research partners from across Australia's health and wellness landscape in order to develop new medical technologies and pharmaceutical industries.

"CRCs have a proven track record in delivering tangible benefits for industry," he said. "By linking industry expertise with our world-class research capability, CRCs generate new knowledge, solve problems and offer opportunities to commercialise new ideas."

Professor Bennett said that apart from placing Australia at the forefront of medical research and innovation, the CRC had the potential to reduce waste in the health system and create new jobs in the digital health sector.

"Harnessing data and digital technologies can transform how we deliver health care and support both clinicians and people in delivering best practice health care and achieve best health outcomes," she said.

"Notre Dame is excited to be a partner in the consortium and will offer specific academic expertise in the ethical use of data, privacy and security; consumer engagement in health and healthcare; and the use of digital technologies in tackling health inequalities."

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Caption: Senator Zed Seselja and Professor Christine Bennett (centre) with Digital Health team partners at the Digital Health CRC launch.



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