

**Have a cup of tea
with your new MP**



Information Card

I would appreciate your commitment and support as my elected Federal Member of Parliament on the following key issues as part of the Macular Disease Foundation Australia's ***Sight for Seniors*** campaign:

1. No age discrimination in DisabilityCare Australia for over 65s.

No one chooses when to lose sight. The exclusion of those who go blind because of macular degeneration after 65 years of age from DisabilityCare Australia is unfair, highly discriminatory and unjust. We need your help as the elected representative to right this wrong.

2. A fair deal on aids and technology for people with low vision.

Where you live should not determine how well you read. There is presently no consistent, equitable or accessible scheme across Australia, to enable those requiring a low vision aid to receive a subsidy.

3. Funding to better support the Macular Disease Foundation Australia's work in macular degeneration.

It is time for the Federal Government to recognise the prevalence and impact of macular degeneration as a major chronic disease and adequately support the Macular Disease Foundation Australia's work.

What is the estimated number of people in your federal electorate with macular degeneration who need your support?

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How many people have macular degeneration in your federal electorate now and in 2030?

The Macular Disease Foundation Australia has mapped the estimated number of people with macular degeneration in Australia now and in 2030*.

The mapping information for your electorate is available at www.sightforseniors.com.au

Over 1 million people (1 in 7 over 50 years of age) in Australia have some evidence of the disease and this will rise to 1.7 million in 20 years in the absence of prevention and treatment measures.

For further information on the *Sight for Seniors* campaign or macular degeneration contact the Macular Disease Foundation Australia
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Our focus is your vision

*Note: There are several electorates, which cannot be mapped because of boundary changes.