



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**\$5 MILLION FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH STUDY**

Sharon Grierson has welcomed the announcement of almost \$5 million in Commonwealth funding to continue the work of a major women's health study being jointly undertaken by the University of Newcastle.

The *Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health* has been running since 1995, and will receive the \$5 million funding to continue for the next three and a half years.

Ms Grierson said it was a recognition of the excellent work of Newcastle University researchers.

"I congratulate the Research Centre for Gender Health and Ageing on the work it has done on this project."

"This funding will allow it to continue that excellent work, with a focus over the next three and a half years on the health of women in rural, regional and remote areas."

"It is relevant and essential research that produces real outcomes to help us develop policy – such as the Study's research into antidepressant use released yesterday."

"I look forward to the ongoing success of the Study into the future."

The \$5 million funding was announced by the Australian Government along with the release of a paper outlining the development of a new National Women's Health Policy.

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