

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Petition Title: Make MND a notifiable disease

Reasons:

On average, each day in Australia two people die from MND and two people are diagnosed with MND. This is a relatively high prevalence compared to the rest of the world and yet, given that the numbers more or less cancel each other out, most people consider it to be a rare disease. While 10% of cases are familial, the remaining 90% of people have no idea how or why they got the disease. Because not many people know about it, people with MND struggle to access the support they need and their families are often at a loss as to how to best support their loved one.

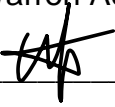
If MND became recognised as a notifiable disease, not only would more people know about it, but 1) those suffering from it would have better access to the support services they need; and 2) more research could be done into how and why this disease affects so many. Therefore, it would not only make a difference at the individual and family level, it could potentially help us all the understand more about the disease and - hopefully!! - minimise the numbers of people who are being diagnosed and losing their lives to it on a daily basis.

Request:

We therefore ask the House to make MND a notifiable disease.

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