



Science in Parliament

Bypassing blow-outs: Keeping a lid on Queensland's health costs

Chronic diseases are Queensland's biggest killers. They account for more than one-third of all deaths in the State – the highest rate in Australia. Yet they are almost entirely preventable.

It's estimated that by 2020 conditions such as diabetes, stroke, cardiovascular disease, heart failure, asthma and renal disease will be responsible for 80 per cent of the State's burden of disease, crippling our health system and healthcare budget.

Speakers in Science in Parliament will outline how Queensland science can fight the chronic disease epidemic by:

- promoting the lifestyle choices that will keep Queenslanders healthier for longer
- detecting disease earlier than ever before, and tailoring drugs to match each patient's genes
- using 21st Century computing and communications technology to deliver top-quality medical services to all Queenslanders, no matter where they live.