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# VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We can eliminate avoidable blindness and reduce the impact of vision loss in Australia by prioritising prevention and early

## WHAT POLICY WILL DO FOR YOU

Once sight is lost, for the most part it cannot be restored but seventy-five per cent of blindness and vision loss can be prevented if detected early.

The Greens will invest \$35 million over four years into our plan to eliminate avoidable blindness and reduce the impact of vision loss.

A targeted awareness campaign costing \$10 million over four years will use strategic marketing to help people understand the signs and symptoms of vision loss and the importance of getting their eyes checked ups in preventing vision loss.

\$12 million over four years will be directed to the development of a 10-year national eye health and vision strategy including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and older Australians.

\$13 million over four years will be provided for research, monitoring and evaluation of Australia's eye health, including the impact of vision loss on the economy.

The Greens also support better funding for innovative research and technology that lifts investment to 3% of GDP in the health sector to better understand and address eye disease and foster new projects like the bionic eye.



Although often overlooked, eye problems are one of the most common long-term health problems ex

An eye test can detect the main causes of vision loss such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, diab  
diseases are hereditary and can cause blindness in babies, teenagers and adults as well as the elde  
for regular eye tests.

The Greens believe that we can easily improve the lives of many thousands of Australians, their fam  
regular eye checks and developing better research into eye health.

Preventing and reducing the incidence of blindness and vision impairment in Australia will reduce pre  
services, and increase productivity.

 [Download the Eye Health Initiative \(PDF, 379 KB\)](#)

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