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**Why is corrupt company Novo Nordisk hosting today's Australian Financial Review's Health Care Summit in Sydney?**

Dear AFR Editors James Chessell, Cosima Marriner and Michael Stutchbury, AFR journalists, and others interested in public health and Australian public finances,

I note that today's **AFR Healthcare Summit** in Sydney is being hosted by **Novo Nordisk**, and features **Novo's General Manager Oceania**, Cem Ozenc: <https://live.afr.com/healthcaresummit/>

We all know why Novo Nordisk has bought this high-profile opportunity to spend time with our **Australian Health Minister, Mark Butler**: <https://live.afr.com/healthcaresummit/our-speakers/2025/>

Via the AFR's excellent reporting so far, we all know that **Novo Nordisk's main priority** is to secure billions of dollars of extra revenue - from **Australian taxpayers** - via the proposed unlimited "listing" on our **Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme** of its diabetes and weight-loss drugs Ozempic and Wegovy.

**What is neither widely known nor understood is that Novo Nordisk in Australia has operated as an utterly corrupt company since at least the 1990s. That is, for around a quarter century until 2013, Novo Nordisk's Medical Director Australasia - Dr John J. Miller - pioneered what I've called Novo Nordisk's epic Sydney University diabetes fraud: [https://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RR\\_letter\\_RBA\\_re\\_David\\_Thodey\\_AO\\_update.pdf](https://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RR_letter_RBA_re_David_Thodey_AO_update.pdf)**

The evidence shows that the secret, harmful influence of Novo Nordisk (pp. 3-11) has corrupted the formal scientific record around obesity and type 2 diabetes (T2D). In my opinion, the secret, harmful influence of Novo Nordisk on diet-and-health "research" at the University of Sydney's Camperdown campus is **the central force in the most consequential academic and medical fraud in Australia's history**, helping to fuel our disastrous obesity and T2D epidemics.

**On Friday, I requested that University of Sydney Chancellor David Thodey be "stood down" from the Reserve Bank of Australia's new Governance Board, pending the outcome of a proper investigation (p. 25 in link above).**

Chancellor Thodey refuses to address my evidence of corrupt conduct involving giant drug-maker Novo Nordisk secretly working with University of Sydney scientists (his letter to me on p.22). Medical science's effective dietary cure for T2D/obesity has been "cancelled" (pp. 27-34), forcing medicalisation of our rapidly growing T2D/obesity epidemic (pp. 60-66).

The main features of Novo's epic Sydney University diabetes fraud are outlined on p. 35. On pp. 48-55, I reproduce a detailed ~50-year timeline from my *Submission to the 2023 House of Representatives Inquiry into Diabetes*. **My timeline details how University of Sydney careerists working for decades under the secret influence of Novo Nordisk "cancelled" the use in Australia of medical science's century-old fix for T2D - no-sugar, low-carbohydrate diets (pp. 27-35) - by pushing Novo/JBM's inferior sugary high-carbohydrate Low GI Diet (pp. 12-18).**

**This has boosted obesity and T2D rates, and thus is corruptly boosting taxpayer-funded purchases of Novo's T2D and now obesity drugs. Unforgivable.**

I have devoted thousands of hours to this matter because millions of Australians have been and are being harmed by Novo's harmful misinformation and consequent medical mistreatment, with taxpayers being defrauded on a massive scale.

**Novo Nordisk in Australia appears to be operating on a two-step plan:**

- 1. Corrupt the scientists, "the science" and the institutions overseeing "the science"; then**
- 2. Corrupt the journalists.**

What do you think? I hope the AFR's and other excellent journalists step up their investigation and reporting of these profoundly important matters.

Best wishes  
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Australia's world-class healthcare system faces unprecedented challenges as an ageing population and rising chronic illness strain resources. Yet, amidst these hurdles, groundbreaking advancements in clinical care and technology are revolutionizing patient treatment. From innovative weight-loss drugs to the shift towards telehealth and home care, and progress in nuclear medicine and gene therapy, new solutions are emerging. While Australia has historically excelled in the medical field with giants like CSL, Cochlear, and ResMed, a fresh wave of biotech, device manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies are now making their mark on the global stage.

As GP shortages and hospital waiting lists reach critical levels, the focus is shifting towards preventative health and fundamental system reforms. Private hospitals are grappling with financial pressures as disputes with health insurers escalate. The Financial Review Healthcare Summit will dissect these dramatic changes affecting Australia's vital healthcare industry. It will explore the trends and challenges reshaping how Australians combat disease and strive for longer, healthier lives, examining whether the nation can maintain its world-class healthcare status in the face of these evolving demands.

#### Agenda

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TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
7:00 am	<a href="#">Registration open</a>	
8:00 am	<a href="#">Opening remarks</a>	<b>James Chessell</b> , Editor-In-Chief, The Australian Financial Review <b>Cem Ozenc</b> , Corporate Vice President & General Manager, Novo Nordisk Oceania
8:10 am	<a href="#">Keynote</a>	<b>Mark Butler</b> , Minister for Health & Aged Care <b>John Kehoe</b> , Economics Editor, The Australian Financial Review
10:50 am	<a href="#">Panel   Impact of chronic disease on workforce productivity</a>	<b>Annie Butler</b> , Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation <b>Robyn Littlewood</b> , CEO, Health and Wellbeing Queensland <b>Ted Wu</b> , Director of Diabetes Services, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital <b>Michelle Bowes</b> , Wealth Reporter, The Australian Financial Review

<https://live.afr.com/healthcaresummit/our-agenda/2025/>

#### Conflict of interest

T. Wu has received support from Novo Nordisk, MSD, Eli Lilly, Novartis, AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Sanofi-Aventis, and GlaxoSmithKline. He has been a consultant for Novo Nordisk, Sanofi, Eli Lilly, MSD, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Takeda, and Roche, and a paid instructor with Janssen-Cilag, Novartis, Eli Lilly, and MSD. B. Betty has been a paid instructor with Novo Nordisk. M. Downie has received honoraria as a speaker for Novo Nordisk, Novartis, and Sanofi. G. Kilov has been a member of an advisory board for Novo Nordisk, Sanofi, Novartis, Lilly, and Takeda, and received payment for the provision of peer-to-peer education for Novo Nordisk, Sanofi, Novartis, Lilly, Takeda, and MSD. G. Fulcher has received research support from Novo Nordisk, and been a paid consultant for Amgen, Boehringer Ingelheim, Janssen, MSD, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi-Aventis, and Novartis. M. Khanolkar, B. Orr-Walker, and G. Senator have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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**Please note:** In this and other documents, I have detailed influential incompetence and much worse in nutrition and health “science”, and by Go8 university senior management. Importantly, if you read anything here or elsewhere from me that is factually incorrect or otherwise unreasonable, please contact me immediately and, if I agree, I will correct the text as soon as possible. This all matters because up to two million or more hapless Australians today already have T2D, the number growing rapidly. Many of these vulnerable Australians can expect mistreatment, misery and early death, harmed by high-carbohydrate T2D advice promoted by Australian governments and a range of respected entities, all advised by highly influential but inept and/or corrupt Go8 science careerists. The unfolding diabetes tragedy can be seen most clearly in the quiet suffering of short-lived Indigenous Australians.

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