

AUSTRALIANS ARE MISSING



**ME/CFS is a
career-destroying
life-destroying
disability**



Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) is a severe, complex, chronic illness, which affects most systems in the body.

It can devastate the health of women, men and children, leaving many unable to work, study or leave their homes for years. There is no cure and, for many, it is a lifelong condition.

Missing from the NDIS

Despite being more disabling than Multiple Sclerosis or heart disease, ME/CFS is not currently included in the NDIS list of disabling conditions. We need inclusion in the NDIS so people can access much needed support services.

Missing from research funding

After more than a decade of no federal funding for biomedical research, the Australian government announced a funding commitment of \$3m for ME/CFS research in March 2019. Globally, similarly disabling illnesses receive 25 times the research funding that ME/CFS receives.

Missing from appropriate treatment

There are no current Australian treatment guidelines for ME/CFS. Few health professionals are up-to-date on ME/CFS research. We need treatment guidelines which reflect the current understanding of the condition.

Missing from medical training

There is little or no training in ME/CFS for health professionals. The science is evolving rapidly, and many health professionals hold outdated views. We need appropriate training for health professionals included in undergraduate degrees, and ongoing education.

