

Pain in Australia *

In 2021



Chronic pain affects **3.4 million** Australians.



68 per cent of people living with chronic pain are of working age.

40%

40 per cent of early retirement is due to chronic pain issues.



Suicidal behaviour is **two-to three times** more likely for people with chronic pain.



The national financial burden of pain is estimated to be **\$73.2 billion** in 2018 and will increase to **\$215.6 billion** by 2050.



A multidisciplinary approach to pain management is essential for better health outcomes, however, nearly **70 per cent** of all GP consultations relating to pain result in a medicine prescription.

Painaustralia's Budget Submission focusses on three main proposals:

1. National Consumer Support and Awareness Program
2. Local Pain Support Worker Program
3. MBS items to support multidisciplinary and mental health care for people living with chronic pain