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Join us on the 15th of November on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra from 9:00am to 12:00pm for an event to raise awareness of the horrific and unimproved life expectancy from brain tumours and communicate the devastating financial, social, physical, cognitive and emotional impact to patients, families, carers and society as a whole.

This inaugural event, titled "Head to the Hill" will provide our community with the opportunity to take part in three different ways:

### **RELAY THE IMPACT**

We are hosting a gathering on the lawns of Parliament House and have invited the Members and Senators of Parliament to join us to speak with members of our community.

This is an opportunity for those that can attend in person in Canberra, from 9:00am to 12:00pm on the 15th of November, to connect with politicians and advocate for greater action. If you can't make it in person, you can still have an impact by sending a letter to your Federal MP or Senator encouraging them to make the time to come out onto the lawn and speak with the BTAA community.

[Click this link for an example of a message you can forward to your local member. \(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aPvqYHwUyL9crfFytQwIXvJYjgt8jyE\\_nJKuXPajfE/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aPvqYHwUyL9crfFytQwIXvJYjgt8jyE_nJKuXPajfE/edit?usp=sharing)

RSVP to the gathering by emailing BTAA (secretary@btaa.org.au) and advise if you intend to be present for the event.

### **VISUALISE THE IMPACT**

We are going to visualise the impact of brain tumours through the placing of shoes on the lawns. We think that shoes clearly visualise that brain tumours affect everybody regardless of age, gender or background.

But to make this happen we need you to send in a pair of shoes that represent anyone you know (or yourself) who has been affected by a brain tumour.

[Click this link for details about how to send shoes to be placed on the lawns. \(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ6DFRyeXEmqDA2tSKY0BAvdez83v\\_-n90XtcJztr97jGwQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link\)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ6DFRyeXEmqDA2tSKY0BAvdez83v_-n90XtcJztr97jGwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **DESCRIBE THE IMPACT**

We'd like to demonstrate to the attending Parliamentarians and the Minister for Health the impact that brain tumours have across the community. To do that we are inviting you to submit a personal impact statement.

These personal impact statements can explain how significant the impacts have been to you personally - either as someone with a brain tumour or someone that has witnessed the impact a brain tumour has had on a loved one's life. You may wish to describe a beautiful memory of someone who was affected. We encourage you to also express what you would like to see changed to improve the outcomes and survivorship of our community.

[Click this link to see how you can make an impact from your personal statements. \(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSY7donB5ioIIIJEjIGAWo5Px1LAH30PSF6n-VOsUoqfAM-g/viewform\)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSY7donB5ioIIIJEjIGAWo5Px1LAH30PSF6n-VOsUoqfAM-g/viewform)

BTAA is working with other national brain tumour support and research entities to make sure your messages to Government are heard.

This event is an opportunity to let politicians know how you feel - regardless of whether or not you can attend in person - you can help us amplify the voice of those with brain tumours. We encourage you to take part.

Please support BTAA and help make sure we represent our community.

BTAA is an entirely volunteer run organisation.  
Any donations to assist run this event would be greatly appreciated.