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CEPAR'S RESEARCH TO INFORM EXPERT GOVERNMENT PANEL

The Australian Government today announced that CEPAR's research on population ageing and productive ageing will be used by a new expert panel to inform future policy initiatives.

In its response to the report of the Advisory Panel on the Economic Potential of Seniors, the Federal Government announced it would establish a new Advisory Panel on Positive Ageing. The Panel will run for two years to consult with communities and senior Australians on policy issues, and inform the Government's ageing agenda.

The government's response to the report stated that the new Advisory Panel "will draw on the work of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) in providing advice to government".

CEPAR's research on healthy and productive ageing is led by University of Sydney Professor Hal Kendig, who has welcomed the initiative.

"We look forward to working with the Advisory Panel and sharing our research findings," Professor Kendig said.

"Our research shows that ageism is a problem in Australia, particularly in the workplace. We need to take a stand against it as we have done against sexism and racism. We also need to improve our approach to active ageing and support older Australian to live full, healthy and productive lives. This new advisory panel is a positive step in this direction," Professor Kendig said.

CEPAR is a collaborative research centre run by the University of New South Wales, the Australian National University and the University of Sydney. It brings together academia, government and industry to produce world-class research on one of the major social challenges of the 21st Century.

CEPAR has five key research strands with one dedicated to [healthy and productive ageing](#). We are currently undertaking nine research projects in this area covering employment at older ages, the influence of attitudes on ageing, health status and productivity as well as ways to promote healthy ageing and wellbeing.

[Read the Government's response to the report >](#) CEPAR is referred to in recommendation 26 on page 11 of the response document.

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