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## IT IS TIME FOR TRIKAFTA – AND OUR NEXT STEPS FORWARD

This Sunday saw one of the biggest announcements in the history of our organisation. Trikafta is a cut above all other available CF modulators. Now it is in our grasp. As of Friday this week, Australians aged 12 and over with at least one f508del mutation will be eligible to receive Trikafta fully funded by the Federal Government.

CFA is delighted by Sunday's Trikafta announcement and the outpouring of relief and celebration from our community. However, there are plans to outline and there are important questions for the future of CF in Australia.

[Consumer Connect](#) is CFA's dedicated online streaming platform. Many of you will have used it before to interact with CFA or attend seminars on CF topics ranging from COVID to Dietetics. This Thursday at 6:30pm we will be hosting our final Trikafta Summit to reflect on the long path to success and address the future concerns of our community. The panel will include Adam Jaffe, our star CF Ambassador Jessica Ragusa, our Board Chairman Mitch Messer and myself. This wide-ranging discussion will also offer you a look at CFA's strategy moving forward. CFA has prepared a Strategic Plan for the next five years and we are ready to share our objectives and insights.

One issue of priority is the fact that only around 90% of the CF population are able to benefit medically from Trikafta. The remaining 10% of our community must depend on other therapies and solutions. We want you to know that you are still very much in our thoughts and our efforts in the coming months will be to ensure that ALL Australians with CF enjoy Health Equity and accessing to cutting edge treatments.

Everyone is welcome to come along and stream the session and a recording will be uploaded to the Consumer Connect platform for those who can't be with us at 6:30pm on Thursday. However, we would like you to share your personal reflections on the Trikafta fight and to air your queries and concerns.

To submit a question to the panel, simply [CLICK HERE](#) to register your question and [log on](#) to Consumer Connect now for the upcoming Trikafta Summit. This will give you an opportunity to go live with the speaker's panel and ask whatever has been on your mind.

CFA campaigned for Trikafta because we knew it was a top priority in this community and that so many people with CFA would be greatly helped by funding for this drug. Now it is time for our community to steer the efforts of CFA and the future of this cause in a new direction.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Jo Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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