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**Mr ABBOTT** (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (14:03): I too was happy to be with the Prime Minister at the launch of *In Fred's Footsteps* and I too wish to acknowledge to this House that Fred Hollows' dream has not died and should not die. Thanks to the Fred Hollows Foundation, which he established and is still inspired by his memory, over one million people around the globe have been saved from avoidable blindness. With the Prime Minister, I pay tribute to Gabi Hollows for pursuing her late husband's dream, I pay tribute to Brian Doolan and everyone else associated with the foundation, and, above all else, I pay tribute to a great Australian, whose life made a difference to so many, and express the hope that many more of us should walk in Fred's footsteps.

**Honourable members** : Hear, hear!