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The excellent results that are now achieved in the transplantation of organs has created an expectation amongst those people who require a transplant that a new future lies ahead. It is thus unfortunate that many of these people are destined to disappointment for the simple reason that there are insufficient organs donated. In fact, as this report details, in 1999 the number of people requiring transplantation rose, while the overall donation rate fell.

This is despite the fact that the great majority of Australians approve of organ donation. A recent survey commissioned by Australians Donate – the National Authority – showed that 75% of Australians would be willing organ donors, although only half that number have registered as such.

The translation of the evident good intentions of a vast majority of Australians into a practical increase in the number of donated organs is a task which we must address as a nation – for it remains a sorry fact that the organ donation rate in Australia is amongst the lowest in the developed world.

The formation of a National Organ Donor Registry, announced recently by the Federal Government, will both increase awareness and commitment to organ donation. The establishment in each State of units responsible for improving the donation rate will also have a positive effect. I hope that through these measures the fall in organ donation rates that has occurred in recent years may be reversed.

Once again I acknowledge the efforts of the Donor Coordinators and the Editors of the Australian and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry in producing this record of donation and transplantation in both countries. I look forward to receiving the year 2000 report in the expectation of improved results, and as a result, an increase in the number of people given a chance at a new life.

Sir William Deane
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
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**INTRODUCTION**

We are pleased to present the 2000 Report of the Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry (ANZOD Registry). This report contains 1999 data as well as cumulative Australian data from the inception of the Registry in 1989 and New Zealand data since 1993.

The Registry is a collaborative effort of the Australasian Transplant Coordinators Association (ATCA Inc) and the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA).

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