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Hi, I'm Professor Jayme Bennetts. I'm the Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Victoria Heart Hospital and Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Monash University.

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I had the privilege of being one of the members of the steering committee and a facilitator on developing this new report into how we might have an accelerated pathway to access new technologies within the regulatory framework in Australia.

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Many patients are unable to access the best technologies available, and as a region, we are often behind other areas internationally, and patients have exposure to higher risk procedures, higher risk operations than maybe they would be if we were able to access these technologies earlier.

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One potential improvement would be to have a mechanism where we can have an expert group give consideration to certain new technologies that would allow an early approval pathway to bring these technologies into the country in the control way that's required, but allow patients to access that earlier while some of the longer-term results become available by which the current regulatory pathways would be able to approve them.

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Current regulatory pathways mean that on average there's 4.7 years before new technologies and new devices are approved.

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That provides a system whereby we ensure patient safety and control costs for the system, but ultimately means we need a better way to bring some of the technologies that are more likely to benefit and are able to be accessed earlier into the system while not actually changing the base premise that safety and cost are important parameters of providing a best patient outcome and the best clinical outcomes.

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