

## The role of APDs in the prevention and treatment of mental illness - Letter 2021

Sent June 2021 - Dietitians Australia sent a letter to Emma McBride MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health, requesting a meeting to discuss the role of Accredited Practising Dietitians in the prevention and treatment of mental illness.

## Letter excerpt

Engaging Accredited Practising Dietitians (APDs) in the prevention and treatment of mental illness is a cost-effective solution for governments and consumers.

Our specific areas of focus are the following:

- The need for recognition of the critical role of dietitians in the mental health care team
- Increased access to dietitians through Medicare for people with mental health issues as is recognised for chronic disease
- Increased access to dietetic services in Government funded mental health initiatives

For more read the full letter.

## Get in touch

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