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The Hon Greg Hunt MP Minister for Health PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

By email: Minister.Hunt@health.gov.au

Dear Minister Hunt

APPOINTMENT OF DIETARY GUIDELINES EXPERT COMMITTEE

Congratulations on the appointment of an impressive Dietary Guidelines Expert Committee under the NHMRC. Dietitians Australia is thrilled to see that 7 of the 11 members of the committee are dietitians. We are glad to see the committee made up of professionals with significant skills and experience, who are free from conflicts of interest, to ensure the Dietary Guidelines best support the health of our nation.

Dietitians Australia is the independent leading voice of nutrition in Australia, representing over 8,000 nutrition and dietetic professionals in Australia. We strive to build healthier communities and the Australian Dietary Guidelines are integral to this.

Our organisation was involved in the last review of the Guidelines, contracted to conduct a literature review and develop a modelling system to inform the update. Dietitians Australia would once again like to extend our expertise and support to the National Health and Medical Research Council.

We look forward to supporting this important work and welcome an opportunity to work closely with the Department of Health and the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Yours sincerely

Robert Hunt

Chief Executive Officer