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Dear Ged,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me and my colleagues last week. I thought the meeting was very productive and I appreciated your receptivity and interest in promoting good nutrition in critical settings like aged care.

I would also like to thank you for recommending a follow-up meeting with yourself and your colleague, Shadow Minister Linda Burney to discuss critical issues related to inequitable access to quality food and food security, particularly in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. I have sent a letter to Shadow Minister Burney requesting a joint meeting.

For your interest, our advocacy work includes this <u>submission</u> in response to the Senate Inquiry into Food Pricing and Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities. It discussed the need for the Australian Government to develop and implement a 'National Food and Nutrition Security Strategy' with a particular focus on remote communities and inclusion of the local voice in the development of any food security and food pricing response.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and Ms Burney soon. I am keen to discuss how dietitians can help you and your colleagues champion the needs of these valuable, yet under-served, communities.

Once I hear from Shadow Minister Burney, I will be in touch with your office to coordinate a suitable time.

Yours sincerely

Robert Hunt Chief Executive Officer