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Dear Mr Hunt,

I write in response to correspondence of 23 March 2022 from Tara Diversi and yourself to Anthony Albanese MP about the Dietitians Australia priority scorecard.

Labor appreciates the key role that Dietitians Australia plays in advocating for Allied Health within the Australian health system. I would like to thank you and your members for the important work they do every day.

All Australians deserve access to universal, prompt, and world class medical care, and no one deserves to face a multi-year wait for vital treatments simply due to the cost. Labor built Medicare, which is the cornerstone of our health system. Australians know they can trust us to keep Medicare safe and strong, and to put the health of our people first.

Since the Liberals have been in Government, it has become harder for Australians to access affordable healthcare. Almost a decade of neglect and attacks means that primary care is in crisis, particularly General Practice in outer suburbs and regional and rural communities.

Dietitians have an important role in the strengthening of healthcare. We know that care is enhanced when allied health professionals are included in a teams-based approach to care. This is equally important in aged care, mental health and disability where allied health professionals often take an even larger role in delivering care. Throughout the pandemic allied health workers have been on the front-line delivering care and support for the community.

If elected to Government we will continue to work with allied health professionals, including Dietitians Australia to strengthen and sustain their workforce and achieve better integration into primary healthcare.

As you know, the election will be held on 21 May. Over the next few weeks, Labor will be making more announcements as part of our commitment to strengthen Medicare, including policies with a direct impact on allied health professionals.

Labor's response to your survey is attached, and our election commitments can be found [here](#).

Thank you for writing on these important issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Erickson  
National Secretary