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Robert Hunt  
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Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Thank you for your correspondence to Labor Leader Chris Minns regarding Dietitians Australia's Priorities for the NSW Election 2023. Chris has asked me to respond on his behalf.

NSW Labor recognises the critical role of Dietitians Association Australia as a leading and trusted voice in nutrition and dietetics, in building healthier communities through advocacy and research.

We also acknowledge the role of food and nutrition in achieving healthier communities and the potential for dietary interventions in the treatment for health and mental health conditions to reduce cost and improve outcomes.

NSW Labor has been clear about its support for allied health services in NSW and if we were to form government we would consider a review of the *NSW Healthy Eating and Active Living Strategy* for opportunities to strengthen health outcomes in NSW.

After 12 years, our health system has deteriorated. Under Dominic Perrottet and the Liberals, people in NSW have to wait longer to get an ambulance, longer to be treated in an emergency department, and longer for important elective surgeries. A Minns Labor Government will repair and rebuild our health system.

**Labor will have a fresh start for health care, with announcements so far including:**

- Implementing the NSW parliament's rural health inquiry recommendations;
- Funding 500 additional regional paramedics in the first term of a Minns Labor government;
- Introducing minimum and enforceable safe staffing levels to public hospitals, starting with emergency departments; and
- Funding an additional 29 McGrath Breast Care nurses to support people right across New South Wales.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch, we look forward to working together to improve health care in NSW.

Yours sincerely,

**Ryan Park MP**  
**Member for Keira**  
**Shadow Minister for Health**  
**Shadow Minister for Mental Health**  
**Shadow Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast**

