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Dear Dr Boxall

Congratulations on your appointment as Commonwealth Chief Allied Health Officer. Your established leadership in public health research and policy are most welcome at this time when the health of Australians is at the forefront of the nation's mind.

Dietitians Australia has long advocated for recognition of the role of food and nutrition in supporting the mental and physical health of all Australians. You may be aware of our recent advocacy work to support access to dietitians during the coronavirus pandemic through telehealth services.¹ Further, our submissions to government bodies on the National Obesity Strategy,² food prices and food security in remote Indigenous communities³ and strengthening Australia's health workforce.⁴

Dietitians Australia would be glad to discuss these matters with you, to ensure a comprehensive approach to allied health care for Australians during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.

Yours sincerely



Robert Hunt
Chief Executive Officer

¹ Dietitians Association of Australia, *Media Releases*, Available from: <https://dietitiansaustralia.org.au/voice-of-daa/news-room/media-releases/>

² Dietitians Association of Australia, *National Obesity Strategy*. Canberra; 2019. Available from: <https://dietitiansaustralia.org.au/voice-of-daa/submissions/2019-submissions/>

³ Dietitians Australia, *Food prices and food security in remote Indigenous communities*. Canberra; 2020. Available from: <https://dietitiansaustralia.org.au/voice-of-daa/submissions/2020-submissions/>

⁴ Dietitians Association of Australia, *Australia's Health Workforce: Strengthening the Education Foundation*. Canberra; 2019. Available from: <https://dietitiansaustralia.org.au/voice-of-daa/submissions/2019-submissions/>