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Dear Minister Barr

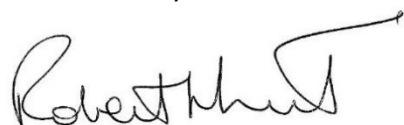
Congratulations on your re-election to the ACT Legislative Assembly, re-appointment as Chief Minister and new ministry of Climate Action.

As the 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly starts its work, it is essential that the impact of climate on food, and the role of food and nutrition in health and quality of life are considered. Dietitians are key stakeholders in this area. Dietitians Australia has long advocated for recognition of this. Our recent work includes:

- **Climate action** – Collaboration with the Climate and Health Alliance on policy agendas
- **Sustainability** – Briefing paper to support the prominent integration of sustainability principles within future iterations of the Australian Dietary Guidelines
- **Food security** – [Submission](#) in response to the Senate Inquiry into Food Pricing and Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities
- **Mental health** – [Submissions](#) to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Mental Health, advocating for increased recognition of the role of food, nutrition and dietitian services in supporting the mental health of all Australians and better integration of physical and mental health care
- **Disability** – [Submissions](#) to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability
- **Aged care** – Representation of Dietitians Australia at a hearing at the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, which resulted from Dietitians Australia's formal [submission](#) to the Royal Commission
- **Telehealth** – [Position paper](#) on the benefits of telehealth and access to dietetic services

Dietitians Australia would be glad to discuss the impact of climate on food and nutrition, and the role of food and nutrition in health and wellbeing further with you.

Yours sincerely



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