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Dear Minister Davidson

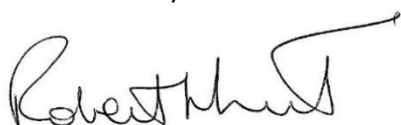
Congratulations on your election to the ACT Legislative Assembly and appointment as Minister for Disability and Minister for Mental Health.

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

- **Disability** – [Submissions](#) to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability
- **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
- **First Nations health** – [Submission](#) in response to the Senate Inquiry into Food Pricing and Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities
- **Sustainability** – Briefing paper to support the prominent integration of sustainability principles within future iterations of the Australian Dietary Guidelines
- **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 for access to dietetic services

Dietitians Australia would be glad to further discuss the role dietitians and nutrition play in disability and mental health care with you.

Yours sincerely



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