



**The Hon. Mark Butler MP**  
Minister for Health and Aged Care

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **GROWING AND SUPPORTING OUR HEALTH WORKFORCE**

Representatives from across Australia’s health workforce including unions, employers and other stakeholders met today to discuss how best to grow and support this vital sector – already Australia’s largest source of employment.

Over the next two months the Minister for Health and Aged Care will continue to meet with frontline health care workers, including students and those who have recently left their positions, to understand their issues and what governments can do better.

The feedback from these meetings will inform and advise our new Health Workforce Taskforce as well as the Jobs and Skills Summit process.

The Government’s health workforce priorities are:

- Ensuring secure, well-paid jobs
- Supporting skilled workers throughout their career
- Creating a safe work environment

#### **Quotes attributable to Minister Butler:**

“24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Australians rely on our health workforce.”

“Growing and supporting the health workforce is my priority – from nurses, to physios, to doctors, to cleaners, paramedics, wardies, security guards and every other health worker.”

“We have an opportunity to invest in our current skilled workforce, and the skills of the next generation of health workers to better support their needs and deliver local jobs in communities across the country.”

“The Albanese Government is committed to growing and supporting the health workforce so that we can continue to provide world-class healthcare to every Australian.”

“My priority is to get this right to build the health workforce we need now and in the future”

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