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Dear Dr Paterson

Dietitians Australia is the peak body for dietetic and nutrition professionals. As the leading voice of nutrition in Australia, Dietitians Australia represents more than 8,000 members and our mission is to support our members, advocate for our profession and build healthier communities.

In your recent media release, I note that you are supporting the need for appropriate and dedicated support services for eating disorders as well as sponsoring the e-petition calling on the ACT Government to improve access to the Eating Disorders Program, support services and a refresh of the Position Statement, as well as concern over the timeline for the new proposed clinic.

These issues are very important to Dietitians Australia, and we also support these calls for more action in this area. We also call for equity and greater access to dietetic services in the prevention and treatment of disordered eating and eating disorders.

Dietitians Australia is keen to support the government in following through on its commitments and I would welcome the opportunity, together with my team, to meet with you to discuss these issues and to offer our expertise.

I look forward to a meeting at your convenience.

Yours sincerely



Robert Hunt  
Chief Executive Officer