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DIETITIANS READY TO WORK WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) congratulates the Coalition on their election win and looks forward to working constructively with the Morrison Government throughout the next three years.

From the announcement of the 2019-2020 budget and the Coalition's pre-election commitments, DAA welcomed the investment in mental health (including eating disorders), medical research and aged care.

With the rise in lifestyle related chronic health conditions, DAA has a key focus on the importance of nutrition in preventative health. To address this, the Coalition outlined its National Action Plan to improve the health of children and young people, via a range of preventative health strategies. Supporting the health of Australia's youth is imperative, but it is vital that we continue to work towards helping all ages achieve good health.

"DAA will engage with the Morrison Government particularly in areas where nutrition can positively influence health, through public health initiatives, clinical care and advancing research," said DAA CEO, Robert Hunt.

We strongly urge the government to implement a long-term preventative health plan for all.

"Prioritising preventative health is an opportunity not to be missed, as it will provide meaningful health outcomes for all Australians," said Mr Hunt.

Nutrition is a key part of our everyday lives, but it is a factor that is so often overlooked when it comes to its impact on our health.

"Accredited Practising Dietitians are the recognised nutrition health professionals in Australia, and they need government support at the federal level to continue to work towards building healthier communities."

DAA hope the Morrison Government and the Opposition take a bipartisan approach towards preventative health.

"We look to continue our relationships with all sides of Government, as we work towards our common goal of improving the health of our nation," said Mr Hunt.

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