



Catholic Health Australia welcomes health and aged care ministers

Catholic Health Australia has welcomed the re-appointment of Mark Butler as Health and Aged Care Minister and the appointment of Sam Rae as Minister for Aged Care and Seniors.

CEO Jason Kara said the organisation was looking forward to building on its strong relationship with the Albanese government in its second term, continuing a collaborative approach to support the health and aged care needs of all Australians.

“We congratulate the incoming ministers and look forward to continuing to work closely with them on vital reforms to the private health system and the smooth implementation of the new Aged Care Act,” Mr Kara said.

“We thank Mr Butler and former aged care minister Anika Wells for their energy, urgency and constructive collaboration, and look forward to building on our advocacy in the months and years ahead.

“The returned government has an opportunity to strengthen the sustainability, fairness and effectiveness of our public and private health systems, and the vitally important aged care sector.

“As Australia’s largest non-government, not for profit group of health, community and aged care providers, we are committed to working in partnership with the government to ensure these reforms deliver high-quality, person-centred care for all Australians.”

During the election campaign, CHA outlined a number of key priorities across health, aged care and mission. These include:

- Reducing the pressure on public hospitals and ensure private hospital viability through fair funding
- Enhancing maternity and mental health services
- Successfully implementing the new Aged Care Act reforms
- Supporting aged care providers in regional, rural and remote areas
- Strengthening workforce planning and development

You can read position papers and learn more on our [Election 2025](#) campaign website.

Notes to editors: *Catholic Health Australia (CHA) is Australia’s largest non-government, not-for-profit group of health, community, and aged care providers. Our members operate 80 hospitals in each Australian state and the ACT, providing around 30 per cent of private hospital care and 5 per cent of public hospital care, in addition to extensive community and residential aged care. There are 63 private hospitals operated by CHA members, including St Vincent’s, Calvary, Mater, St John of God and Cabrini. CHA members also provide approximately 12 per cent of all aged care facilities across Australia, in addition to around 20 per cent of home care services. 25 per cent of our members’ service provision is regional, rural and remote.*

Media contacts:

Charlie Moore: 0452 606 171