

2022 FEDERAL ELECTION PLAYBOOK



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that consumers continue to have access to 20 annual Better Access services, as recommended by the Productivity Commission?
How will you ensure ongoing access to mental health services for older people in residential care?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to address the lack of affordability of Better Access services and the limited availability of private mental health services outside metropolitan centres?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to improve the timeliness and appropriateness of services accessed by workers with a primary or secondary mental injury?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to implement workforce initiatives that will address the major workforce demands on occupational therapists across all areas of practice and which are leaving public and private mental health providers across Australia unable to recruit the workforces they need?

AGEING IN PLACE

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that community aged care funding guidelines are developed to ensure money is spent where it can most effectively support the health, wellbeing and independence of older Australians rather than on lower value services that don't address key risk factors or health needs?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that all recipients of community aged care funding can access appropriate assessment, prescription and provision of assistive technology and home modifications to support independence and reduce risk of falls and other injuries?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to address the need for dedicated funding and care delivery models for allied health services in aged care homes, including both employment and in-reach based models?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that all aged care residents receive consistent, high-quality care, including access to occupational therapy and other allied health services focused on reablement, rehabilitation and restorative care, regardless of which residential home they live in?

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A STRONG PRIMARY CARE SYSTEM

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that Australians with chronic illnesses, regardless of their income or geographic location, can access high quality occupational therapy and allied health services focused on supporting recovery, reablement and wellbeing and minimising the impact of their conditions?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that people experiencing chronic and complex conditions or disability are supported to safely and effectively connect to informal community supports and services?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that a contemporary Australian health system provides access to occupational therapy and other allied health services, focused on meeting a wide range of community needs?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that children with autism, pervasive development disorder and disability are able to access an appropriate volume of Medicare-funded assessments and treatment, particularly where they are unable to access NDIS-funded supports?

A RESPONSIVE DISABILITY SECTOR

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that people with disability, particularly underrepresented cohorts such as those with psychosocial disability, are able to access the assessments and supports needed to apply for access to the NDIS?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to ensure that NDIS participants are supported to fully utilise plan funding aimed at increasing capacity and independence, noting that plan design and review, access to high quality support coordination, and support to find and access appropriate supports are key drivers of higher plan utilisation?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to reduce the administrative burden associated with seeking payment under the NDIS, and the rates of plan-managed participants receiving services that exceed their budgets and leave providers out of pocket?

If elected to parliament, what will you/your party do to work with the association to ensure that all people with disability can access timely, high quality occupational therapy services, including prescription of assistive technology, regardless of where they live?