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Australian College of Nursing looks forward to working with the Turnbull Government to promote the role of nursing leadership in the health care system

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) warmly extends congratulations to re-elected Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. ACN calls upon the re-elected Government to respond to challenges in health care delivery by supporting innovative models of integrated care that are patient centred and promote equality and access to all Australians.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said "ACN looks forward to working collaboratively with the Government and the Health Minister. Nursing leadership can drive health system reform and inform the strategic direction of Australia's health system. There are more nurses than any other health professional group in Australia. Nurses provide holistic care all day, every day, everywhere. The positive health care outcomes that nurses achieve cannot be ignored."

At a time when the fiscal environment has created challenges in the health system, ACN calls for the greater utilisation of the nursing workforce. Nurses are highly skilled health professionals who deliver safe and quality care. The community trusts the nursing profession. Nurses continue to demonstrate leadership with financially responsible and governed health care delivery.

"Nurses are ready and willing to meet the continuing care needs of an increasingly ageing population and rising rates of chronic disease. ACN looks forward to working with the Turnbull Government to promote the positive outcomes that nurses can make in health care reform" Adjunct Professor Ward said.

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.



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Notes to the Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialities, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

What is the role of ACN to media?

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN has a number of media-savvy spokespeople within the organisation who can comment on Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of an industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert's available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

What role does ACN play?

ACN is here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all. The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

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