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## The Australian College of Nursing interested in ACT Liberal Party health proposals

Today the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) was honoured to attend the address given by Jeremy Hanson MLA at the National Press Club of Australia, at his event *Jeremy Hanson -2017 and Beyond*.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "This has been a fantastic opportunity for ACN representatives to meet Jeremy Hanson MLA and hear about election announcements which impact on the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) health system and the community which it serves. It is encouraging that Jeremy Hanson MLA has committed to engaging with ACT nurses on health policy development".

ACN welcomes the opportunity to work with all parties to inform them of the benefits of contemporary models of care and service delivery including nurse led clinics. ACN believes that nurse led clinics promote an accessible health care option and reduce pressure on Canberra's already overloaded and overcrowded emergency departments.

There is no denying that it takes a multidisciplinary team of health professionals to achieve the best health outcomes for patients. Investment into nurse led clinics offers the Canberra community improved access to health services.

Adjunct Professor Ward said "ACN strongly believes that nurse led clinics present an opportunity to address the increasing demand for 24/7 health services and reduce waiting times in emergency departments. Nurses are well placed to address the growing burden of chronic disease in the community and the challenges of an ageing population".

"As we approach the ACT election in October, it is imperative that ACN is responsive to proposed initiatives. We look forward to the announcement of ACT Labor positions on health issues," she 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 a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. 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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