

The Hon Ged Kearney MP Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Member for Cooper

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Dear Dr Crawford

Thank you for your correspondence regarding my appointment as the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care. I really appreciate that you took the time to reach out. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I am so extremely happy to be a part of the Albanese Government. Labor Governments change lives, deliver big reforms and work to make the nation fairer and more equitable for everyone, particularly the most vulnerable in our community. These are the values I will be bringing to my ministerial responsibilities in health and aged care.

I congratulate you on your success in the recent Health Peak and Advisory Bodies (HPAB) Program grant opportunity for 2022–2025. Organisations funded as part of the HPAB Program, including the Australian Health Promotion Association, play an important role contributing to the Australian Government's national health agenda through the provision of expert, evidence-based and impartial advice.

A strong focus of the current round of the HPAB Program is to support the aims of the National Preventive Health Strategy (Strategy). Health promotion and illness prevention are integral to the Strategy, and to addressing the increasingly complex and interconnected causes of poor health.

I thank you again for your letter of support and look forward to working with you into the future.

Yours sincerely

Ged Kearney

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