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ACAud inc. HAASA Welcomes Albanese Government and Minister Mark Butler's Return to Health Portfolio

The Australian College of Audiology incorporating Hearing Aid Audiology Society of Australia (ACAud) warmly welcomes the return of the Albanese Government following the recent election and congratulates the Hon. Mark Butler MP on his reappointment as Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Minister Butler's longstanding experience and deep understanding of the healthcare landscape make him well-positioned to continue advancing equitable and evidence-based health policies. ACAud looks forward to working collaboratively with the Minister and his department to support quality hearing care across Australia.

As part of our ongoing policy development and consultation with government, ACAud also takes this opportunity to reaffirm its position on professional regulation in hearing health.

Our Position on Regulation Has Evolved

ACAud has long advocated for the regulation of both audiologists and audiometrists to ensure consistent standards of care and public safety. As the clinical and regulatory landscape evolves, ACAud reaffirms its strong commitment to a single-tier regulatory framework for both audiologists and audiometrists. Our focus remains on delivering a regulatory system that is fair, effective, safe and future-ready—regardless of which organisation administers it.

ACAud looks forward to constructive dialogue with the Albanese Government, industry stakeholders, and the broader health sector as we continue to advocate for reforms that enhance the accessibility and quality of hearing services nationwide.

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