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Subject: 3.30PM ACT TIME | Meeting (Catch up) with AdPha Chief Executive Kristin Michaels and President Tom Simpson | IN PERSON | MO REP: s47F (EMAIL WITHIN)

Location: ACT.APH.G1.51 Minister Butler; Minister's Office Suite MG51 APH

Start: Tue 26/08/2025 3:30 PM

End: Tue 26/08/2025 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organiser

Organiser: BUTLER, Mark

Required Attendees: mark.butler@aph.gov.au; s47F; Jerry Yik s47F @adpha.au>

Optional Attendees: Kristin Michaels; Simpson, Tom

Resources: ACT.APH.G1.51 Minister Butler

Categories: Internal / on site / in office meeting

From: Jerry Yik s47F @adpha.au>

Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 21:13

To: Minister Butler <minister.butler@health.gov.au>

Cc: s47F @health.gov.au>; s47F @health.gov.au>; Kristin Michaels s47F @adpha.au>; AdPha President <president@adpha.au>; AdPha <AdPha@nexusapac.com.au>

Subject: Correspondence from Advanced Pharmacy Australia

Dear Minister Butler

Please see attached correspondence and meeting request from Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) President Tom Simpson and Chief Executive Kristin Michaels.

Kind regards

Jerry Yik BPharm MPubPol FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt, PublicHlth)

Head of Policy and Advocacy | s47F



Advanced Pharmacy Australia

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Subject: 11:30AM SA TIME | IN PERSON | Meeting with Coalition of Allied Health Providers | MO Rep: s47F (JOIN ONLINE)

Location: 21 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

Start: Mon 15/09/2025 12:00 PM

End: Mon 15/09/2025 12:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organiser

Organiser: BUTLER, Mark

Required Attendees: BUTLER, Mark; mark.butler@aph.gov.au; DE TOCA, Lucas, s47F; s47F @banksiasp.com.au; Anna Mincham

Optional Attendees: Julie Carr

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- Rachel Brimblecombe, Founder and Managing Director, Better Rehab.
- Phil Laidlaw, CEO of AHTG
- Therese Campbell, Director - Government Relations, MedHealth
- Heidi Long, Managing Director, National 360
- Stephen Michelson, Founder of Banksia Strategic Partners

Joining online:

- Julie Carr, Executive Chair - Therapy, AP

From: Stephen Michelson

Sent: Friday, 8 August 2025 2:23 PM

To: s47F @health.gov.au

Cc: Kushan Nawagamuwage s47F @banksiasp.com.au>; Anna Mincham

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Subject: Meeting request: Alliance of Allied Health providers

Happy Friday Comrade,

Great to chat on the phone earlier this week and host the Minister for dinner on Wednesday evening in Melbourne.

As discussed, and further to email below, would be grateful if we could please schedule a short in person meeting with the Minister to discuss the NDIA's FY26 pricing determinations.

As you know, Banksia is acting for an Alliance of Australia's biggest Allied Health providers including - but not limited to- APM, MedHealth, Better Rehab and National 360 who represent more than 5,000 disability focused workers serving more than 120,000 NDIS participants across the Nation. For context, we are also working closely and strategically with NDS and Ability First Australia.

The Alliance is keen to discuss how these changes are playing out on the ground and table some constructive, costed ideas for discussion noting the Minister's stated goals regarding NDIS integrity and sustainability.

Goes without saying we will work around your busy schedule and can meet in South Australia (or any other jurisdiction) if assists.

Happy to discuss – I'm on [REDACTED] – and looping in my team for a line of sight on this email.

With thanks,
Mocca.



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From: Anna Mincham [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@banksiasp.com.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@banksiasp.com.au)>
Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 at 3:03 PM
To: minister.butler@health.gov.au <minister.butler@health.gov.au>
Subject: NDIA Pricing Determinations and Sector Impact
Dear Minister Butler,

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition of Allied Health Providers to request a meeting to discuss the implications of the NDIA's FY26 pricing determinations and the broader impact these changes are having on the allied health sector and the communities we serve. The Coalition represents organisations employing an estimated more than 5,000 disability focused therapists serving more than 120,000 NDIS participants and representing more than 20% of the NDIS services provided for disability therapy each year.

As you are aware, the recent adjustments to pricing, particularly the halving of travel allowances and reductions in therapy rates, have generated significant concern across the sector. These changes are already affecting service delivery, with many providers reporting that outreach to outer metro and regional communities is becoming financially unviable. This is particularly troubling given the government's stated commitment to improving health equity and access for Australians living outside metropolitan areas.

The Coalition represents a broad cross-section of registered allied health providers who are deeply committed to delivering high-quality, participant-centred care. However, the current pricing framework is placing unsustainable pressure on these organisations, many of which are now facing difficult decisions about scaling back services or withdrawing from the Scheme altogether. This risks leaving vulnerable participants without access to essential supports and increasing reliance on unregistered providers, where oversight and quality assurance are limited.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these matters further and explore how we can support the government's objectives while safeguarding the integrity and sustainability of the NDIS.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,
Anna Mincham

NB: our lobbyist register entry is available [here](#).

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