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## ELECTION REPORT CARD

AHPA surveyed political parties regarding their commitments to allied health in the upcoming election.

A report card detailing responses from independent candidates is also available on our election webpage.

### ABOUT THIS REPORT CARD

Responses from parties and candidates are given a score out of ten. Those who have yet to respond are listed below. This report card will be updated as additional responses are received.

Party	Score	Details	What they said...
Liberals	★★★☆☆☆☆☆☆	We received a response on 13 May that reprised their current approach, and did not address any of our current concerns or offer to work with allied health in the future.	'Now is not the time to change course.' A full copy of their response is available here.
Australian Labor Party	★★★★★☆☆☆☆	Didn't answer survey. Announced Strengthening Medicare fund and Medicare taskforce anticipated to include allied health.	'Allied Health has an important role in the strengthening of healthcare.'  'If elected to Government we will continue to work with allied health professionals, including the AHPA to strengthen and sustain their workforce and achieve better integration into primary healthcare, including considering the more detailed policies you have outlined.'
Centre Alliance	★★★★★☆☆☆☆	Answered some survey questions but required more information. Committed to exploring our asks with whomever forms government.	'Rebekha supports in-principle initiatives designed to provide greater equity of access to health services for people living in regional, rural and remote areas.'  'I will continue to support inclusion and access to health for all including members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities.'
Nationals	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	Didn't answer survey.	
Greens	★★★★★★★★★☆☆	Detailed response.	'The Australian Greens recognise the importance of allied health practitioners working alongside doctors and nurses to ensure a person-centred, holistic approach to healthcare. This approach must be accessible to all Australians, regardless of their postcode, and support measures to incentivise allied health workers practising in regional and remote areas.'

\*\* The Jacqui Lambie Network has also been approached and we are awaiting their response.

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Independent Candidate	Score	Details	What they said...
<b>Allegra Spender (Wentworth)</b>	★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆	Didn't answer survey but will work with allied health if elected.	'We need an affordable and accessible health system that integrates primary care, manages costs and embraces new technology to diagnose and manage illness, and to better coordinate services.'
<b>Dr Sophie Scamps (Mackellar)</b>	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	Didn't answer survey.	
<b>Janine Kitson (Bradfield Can Do Better)</b>	★★★★★★★★★★★★	Answered survey in detail and demonstrated knowledge of allied health issues.	'Allied health professionals do critical work in supporting people experiencing disability, chronic illness and poor health. Allied health services need to be fully integrated into Australia's public health system. If Australia is to have a world class health service that cares for every Australia, then it needs to include allied health services.'  'We need to ensure rural, remote and other poorly serviced areas get better access to allied health through adequate funding models and a comprehensive support model such as that for rural GPs.'  'Allied health students and staff in rural and remote areas need more support for supervision and mentoring.'
<b>Nicolette Boele (Voices of Bradfield)</b>	★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆	Didn't answer survey but will work with allied health if elected.	'Nicolette's core emphasis on equality, inclusion and social cohesion means that she is, broadly speaking, supportive, and will appreciate becoming more informed about the details and complexities of the issues it addresses.'

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<b>Dr Helen Haines (Voices 4 Indi)</b>	★★★★★★★★★☆☆	Fully supported our asks.	<p>'As a nurse, midwife, and rural health researcher, I have seen up close the problems we face attracting and retaining a strong allied health workforce in rural and regional Australia.'</p> <p>'I am proud to have allied health specific commitments as part of my re-election platform.'</p>
<b>Claire Ferres Miles (Voices of Casey)</b>	★★★★★★★☆☆☆☆	Answered survey in detail and demonstrated knowledge of allied health issues.	<p>'Allied Health professionals play an important role in the health system and it is a detailed and complex area.'</p> <p>'The Aged Care system is an important area of policy for me. I support the implementation of all recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission.'</p>
<b>Dr Sarah Russell (Voices for Mornington Peninsula Flinders)</b>	★★★★★★★★★☆☆	Answered survey in some detail.	<p>'Very important that rural, remote and disadvantaged areas have access to allied health services.'</p> <p>'There needs to be a full range of allied health professions to all of us who access mental health services.'</p>

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<b>Despi O'Connor (Flinders)</b>	★★★★★★★☆☆	Didn't answer survey but responded to member queries and welcomed opportunity to meet.	Supports investment in clinical assessments by allied health professionals to determine funding and care needs for people in residential aged care and those ageing at home, and in residential aged care, mandating allied health care to be delivered by a range of allied health professionals.
<b>Kylea Tink (Voices of North Sydney)</b>	★★★★★★☆☆☆☆	Met with adviser.	Genuine interest in wanting to understand and work with allied health. Candidate has been engaging in discussions around improving aged care and mental health, and is supportive of the preventive health strategy.

\*\* These independent candidates have been approached and we are awaiting their response: Zali Steggall (Voices of Warringah), Natalie Bains (Reid), Georgia Steele (Hughes Deserves Better), Linda Seymour (We Are Hughes), Jo Dyer (Voices of Boothby), Monique Ryan (Voices of Kooyong), Zoe Daniel (Voices of Goldstein).