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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 are given a score out of ten. Those who have not responded are listed below.

| Party | Score | Details | What they said... |
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| 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. A second response on 18 May provided more detail on existing initiatives. | 'The Morrison Government's plan for aged care is founded on our detailed response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.' 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 but has not responded.