

Media release

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Avant Mutual welcomes the re-election of the Albanese Government and the opportunity for a renewed focus on strengthening private healthcare

Avant Mutual, Australia's largest doctor-owned organisation representing over 90,000 medical practitioners and students, today congratulated the Albanese Government on its election victory and welcomed the opportunity for continued collaboration to support and enhance Australia's healthcare system.

The Albanese Government's commitments to invest a further \$8.5 billion in bulk billing to improve access to GP services as well as a \$33.9 billion allocation in 2025-26 to extend the National Health Reform Agreement covering public hospitals and health services are a demonstrable commitment to improving accessibility to healthcare.

Important foundations for primary care and workforce reforms were also established in its last term including the Scope of Practice Review, reviews of general practice incentives, after hours services and workforce distribution levers, and the Independent review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Government has also acknowledged the viability of private hospitals remains a serious challenge, as many private services face growing pressures – including maternity and mental health care – and with numerous examples of services closing. Addressing this challenge requires a renewed focus on both short and long-term solutions to strengthen private healthcare and Australia's health system overall.

Quote attributable to Avant Chief Medical Officer Professor Steve Robson:

“Avant congratulates Anthony Albanese on being re-elected as Prime Minister, and we look forward to working with the new Government to help secure the future of our integrated health system.

“As a trusted partner in the medical sector representing over 90,000 doctors, Avant is committed to contributing to the design and implementation of policies that benefit patients and helps doctors in better serving their communities.

“We certainly welcome any further progress on the Scope of Practice Review and related Strengthening Medicare reviews, and we are keen to make sure that professional indemnity is carefully considered as new models of care and funding are designed and implemented.

“We would also welcome the opportunity to do more with the new Government to strengthen private healthcare so that doctors have the security they need, and patients receive the highest standard of care.

“Addressing the issues in the private hospital sector requires a coordinated effort between government and the private sector, and Avant is committed to strengthening this collaboration through its advocacy to ensure Australia's health system remains sustainable and effective.”

About Avant

Avant Mutual is a member-owned doctors' organisation and Australia's largest medical indemnity insurer, committed to supporting a sustainable health system that provides quality care to the Australian community. Our 90,000 members (more than half of Australia's doctors) are from all medical specialties and career stages and from every state and territory. Our products and services in the areas of insurance, lending, health and legal and practice management are all designed to support doctors in their professional and personal lives. For further information, please visit www.avant.org.au

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