

## INVESTING IN HEALTH IS TO INVEST IN A HEALTHY ECONOMY

The pandemic has shown that it is in all our interests to have strong and well-funded health and social care systems in place.

Today's Federal Budget provides a unique opportunity to deliver desperately needed investment into these critical sectors, for our physical, mental and economic wellbeing.

The Government cannot afford to overlook Australia's public and private health, aged care, disability, mental health and community services in any serious economic recovery plan.

The Health Services Union (HSU), with more than 90,000 members, will be following the Budget announcements closely and expects to see serious investment in the critical services its members deliver for all Australians.

**All quotes are attributable to Health Services Union National Secretary, Lloyd Williams.**

"Serious investment in health, aged care and disability services must form an integral part of the Morrison Government's economic recovery plan, outlined in today's Federal Budget."

"Job creation is key, and these are the sectors to do it in."

"We need the Government to lay the foundations for well-paid and secure jobs now to start attracting people to these roles, and to reward and retain those already working tirelessly in them."

"As they form the majority of this workforce, it is also an opportunity for the Government to create secure jobs for working women."

"If the Morrison Government is serious about strong economic recovery and doing the right thing by all Australians, particularly our most vulnerable, then they need to get serious about ensuring secure, well-paid and stably funded health, aged care and disability services."

"The pandemic has shown the devastating consequences of neglecting these services and the workforce that provides them, it cannot continue."

HSU National Secretary Lloyd Williams is available for further comments.

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About the HSU | The Health Services Union (HSU) is a growing member-based union with over 90,000 members working across the health and community services sectors in every state and territory of Australia.

