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Naturopaths and Herbalists welcome new Albanese Government

The Naturopath and Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA) today congratulates the Albanese Government on being elected and welcomes the incoming Ministers in the new Government.

NHAA President David Casteleijn welcomes Labor Health Minister Mark Butler and said the NHAA is looking forward to working together to improve health outcomes for Australians.

“The NHAA looks forward to starting a conversation with the Labor government on a number of important measures to ensure the future of naturopaths and herbalists in Australia’s health system,” Mr Casteleijn said.

“This includes calling for the title of Naturopath and Herbalist to be protected as part of the National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).”

Registration is a standard NHAA has worked towards for 100 years and is an important part of the organisation's ongoing work to ensure public safety and confidence in the profession.

Without registration, NHAA cannot ensure that the title of Naturopath (and Herbalist) is protected – meaning that individuals who do not meet the training or professional standards of a Naturopath or Herbalist could use the title and put the public at risk.

NHAA will continue to advocate for the Government to include Naturopaths and Herbalists in the NRAS, and look forward to the official release in August of a Health Technology Assessment Report into naturopathy.