



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

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Dear Mr Cresswell

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 August 2022 to the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Anika Wells MP, regarding an opportunity to provide input into the Aged Care Workforce: Pre-Jobs Summit Roundtable (Roundtable). The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Roundtable was held on 17 August 2022, with more than 20 stakeholders representing universities, unions, advisory councils, providers, community services and advocacy groups attending. Major topics discussed included how to boost job security, making aged care an attractive place to work, access to education and training, the role of migration in aged care and creating innovation in the industry.

The Roundtable provided an opportunity to contribute to the Australian Government's Jobs and Skills Summit (the Summit). The Summit will be held on 1-2 September 2022 and will bring together sector representatives to address economic challenges. Further information on the Summit and the subsequent Employment White Paper can be found on the Department of the Treasury website at <https://treasury.gov.au/employment-whitepaper/jobs-summit>. We understand submissions will open later in 2022.

The Government recognises the need to all continue to work together; governments, older Australians, their families and carers, workers, providers and policy advocates, to do everything we can to achieve a better aged care system. To engage further with us on aged care reforms, please visit www.agedcareengagement.health.gov.au.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Emma Gleeson', written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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1 September 2022