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AdPha welcomes newly elected Queensland Government

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) looks forward to continuing to advance pharmacy practice under new Queensland leadership.

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) today congratulates the incoming Liberal National Party under the leadership of David Crisafulli MP following their Queensland election win over the weekend, while urging the importance of continued engagement with the expert hospital pharmacy sector to implement key election health care commitments.

AdPha President Tom Simpson FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt) says AdPha will continue its strong work with the Queensland government to support the development of a sustainable pharmacy workforce – a key strategic priority of the Queensland Health Pharmacy Workforce Plan 2022–2032.

'Hospital pharmacy workforce shortages continue to be a significant problem in the state of Queensland.'

'While we are pleased to see just over 300 residents in hospital pharmacy training programs Australia-wide to support pharmacist development, forecast system capacity and patient need means there is still much that needs to be done.'

'We look forward to working with Premier Crisafulli and his government to tackle these shortages through increasing hospital pharmacy intern investment and upskilling more talented pharmacy graduates through the fast-track Pharmacist Resident and Pharmacist Registrar training programs.'

Mr Simpson also thanked the outgoing Miles Government for investing in 4,000 additional healthcare employees and a \$27.8 million investment to expand hospital discharge initiatives and patient flow as part of its *Putting Patients First* plan, which is critical to ensuring patients can leave hospital sooner.

'We would like to thank the outgoing Miles Government for overseeing the Partnered Pharmacist Medication Prescribing (QPPMP) Project, sponsored by the Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer. We have been proud to be on QPPMP working group and look forward to the QPPMP project implementation continuing with the new government.'

'Pharmacist-led prescribing models reduce the length of hospital admission by 10%, ensuring patients are not stuck in emergency departments or overflow areas for too long waiting for a bed.'

'On behalf of AdPha members, we congratulate incoming Premier David Crisafulli on his victory. We look forward to working with the new Queensland government to improve pharmacy practice and patient care, in hospitals and other governed healthcare settings through advocating for advanced pharmacy and expanding pharmacists scope of practice with evidence-based prescribing models.'

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About Advanced Pharmacy Australia:

Formerly trading as the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, or SHPA, Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) is the progressive voice of Australian pharmacists and technicians, built on 80 years of hospital innovation that puts people and patients first. AdPha supports all practitioners across hospitals, transitions of care, aged care and general practice to realise their full potential. We are the peak body committed to forging stronger connections in health care by extending advanced pharmacy expertise from hospitals to everywhere medicines are needed.

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