

# Victorian ALP State Conference – 26 May 2018

## URGENCY RESOLUTION

### *Better Mental Health for all Victorians*

Conference welcomes the record \$705m investment in mental health services delivered by the Andrews Labor Government in its 2018/19 Victorian Budget. Additionally, conference notes the Andrews Government's commitment to a high-quality mental health system stands in stark contrast to the Turnbull Coalition Government's constant cuts to our health system.

There is, however, still more work to do to ensure that Victorians experiencing poor mental health receive the best care and support available to them. In particular, Conference highlights the emerging staffing crisis across Victoria, which has seen many mental health services unable to operate at full capacity.

Conference notes with concern that a failure to build workforce supply will mean the new services announced in the 2018/19 Victorian Budget will take too long to run at capacity.

Therefore, Conference calls on the Andrews Labor Government to partner with the mental health workforce and its representatives to develop and implement a comprehensive mental health workforce strategy that addresses systemic recruitment and retention issues. A core pillar of this strategy must involve increasing the supply of mental health clinicians through reforming the current graduate intake system.

Conference looks forward to a re-elected Andrews Labor Government continuing to deliver better mental health services for all Victorians.

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