

## Media alert

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# \$6.4m investment in primary health care

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ADEA congratulates the Abbott Government's initiative and the financial investment to improve access to health care for rural and remote communities, older Australians and those with chronic conditions.

ADEA understands the critical role of nurses not only in providing high quality health services but also in managing chronic conditions in primary care setting.

The President of ADEA, Tracy Aylen is delighted with the government's announcement and said 'ADEA supports the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) in their endeavours to strengthen primary health care and its sustainability into the future. Better support and coordination of care for people with chronic conditions including diabetes is critical'.

As the national peak body representing specialist Credentialed Diabetes Educators, ADEA looks forward to working closely with APNA to be able to provide better access to quality diabetes education and self-management to more than a million of Australians with diabetes.

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## About the Australian Diabetes Educators Association

The ADEA is the leading Australian organisation for health professionals who provide diabetes education and care. There are more than 1,100 Credentialed Diabetes Educators working within communities, private practices and hospitals in Australia.

The Association actively promotes evidence-based diabetes education to ensure optimal health and wellbeing for those affected by and/or at risk of diabetes and sets standards and develops guidelines for the practice of diabetes education.

The ADEA also offers professional development programs and accredits those programs developed by other organisations.

For further information about the ADEA visit [www.adea.com.au](http://www.adea.com.au).