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Mind Australia welcomes new federal ministerial team for mental health and psychosocial disability

Mind Australia looks forward to working with the re-elected Albanese government on mental health and disability reform.

The Prime Minister today confirmed the ministry for this new term of government.

Mind Australia congratulates Mark Butler who adds Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme to his existing portfolio of Health and Ageing. Mind also welcomes Jenny McAllister as Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Mind also looks forward to continuing its work with Emma McBride, who remains Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Mind reiterates a longstanding call for mental health to be elevated to the inner ministry in future ministerial arrangement. This would highlight the critical importance of mental health to our nation's future.

Gill Callister, Mind Australia CEO, says: "This term of federal parliament will be vitally important. There is much work to be done on NDIS reform, addressing unmet need for psychosocial support across the country and in ensuring our mental health system is fit for purpose for people who need it, regardless of the challenges they face or their post code.

"As we said after the election, the hard work begins now. We hope to see mental health reform remain central to the government's priorities – and will continue to advocate for that to happen."

Mind Australia outlines four key mental health priorities for Australia 2025-2028:

- People don't just want emergency, crisis responses to mental health—government funding and policy reform must ensure people can get support where they are, in community.
- It's time for governments and policy makers to act on the evidence and insight of lived experience to enable a more effective and humane mental health system—and then demonstrate this in policy directions and funding.
- NDIS support must remain accessible and fair for people with a psychosocial disability.
- We need a funded plan to meet the significant unmet needs for psychosocial support for people outside of the NDIS.