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The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister Butler,

I am writing to invite you to attend and speak at the 2026 15th annual Australian and New Zealand Symposium of Perioperative Medicine, to be held on 26-28 November 2026 in Hobart, Tasmania.

The conference brings together anaesthetists, physicians, surgeons, nurses and allied health professionals who work, or have an interest in, perioperative medicine from across Australia, New Zealand and around the world.

With an increasing focus on integrated, multidisciplinary care, perioperative medicine plays a critical role in improving safety, reducing complications, shortening hospital length of stay and delivering more efficient use of health system resources.

ANZCA President Professor Dave Story and I discussed perioperative medicine in a meeting with one of your advisors, Dr Kit Abbott earlier this year, and we have captured some of this information in a short video and booklet located on our website:

www.anzca.edu.au/chapter-of-perioperative-medicine.

Minister, ANZCA would be honoured if you would consider delivering a keynote or opening address on a day and time that suits your calendar. Your insights and attendance would be warmly welcomed by the 350-500 delegates expected to attend, and it would be a great opportunity to engage with a wide variety of clinicians all aligned in improving perioperative care for patients.

My office would be pleased to liaise with your staff regarding your availability, speaking arrangements, any protocol requirements and to provide the conference program when it has been finalised.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Yours sincerely

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