Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics in Rural and Remote Areas

I fully support the establishment of nurse practitioner-led clinics in underserved regions of Tasmania. My healthcare policy includes increasing accessibility in rural areas and decentralising healthcare delivery through locally led initiatives that improve wait times and patient outcomes.

Autonomous Practice in Medicare Urgent Care Centres

I support expanding the scope of practice for nurses and nurse practitioners in these centres. My policy encourages maximising the healthcare workforce's potential by enabling skilled professionals to operate to their full training and qualifications, particularly where this alleviates GP and ED overload.

Bulk Billing Rights for Nurses, Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners

I agree with extending bulk billing rights to these professions. As I've stated publicly, healthcare funding must follow logic and need, not bureaucracy or outdated models. I will advocate for legislative reform that supports equitable access and recognises the capabilities of modern healthcare teams.

Co-Funding Community Nursing for Hospital Avoidance

This is a critical area for reform. Hospital-in-the-home, dementia response teams, and community-based care models are key components of my plan to reduce pressure on emergency departments and inpatient wards. I would support co-funding arrangements that prioritise outcomes and innovation.

Increasing Federal Health Reform Funding to 50%

I strongly agree with this. My platform calls for a national review of the state–federal hospital funding model to ensure Tasmania's unique demographic and geographic challenges are adequately resourced. This includes a push for at least 50% federal funding to meet the rising demand.

Transparency and Accountability in Aged Care

I support enshrining mandated care minutes into legislation and introducing sanctions for providers who do not meet required standards. My healthcare policy stresses the need for quality and transparency in aged care, with strong oversight and the voices of nurses and care workers front and centre.

In summary, you can count on my support to advocate for every one of these priorities in Parliament. I commend the ANMF for your work in shaping a more responsive and equitable healthcare system, and I look forward to working collaboratively to strengthen healthcare outcomes for all Tasmanians.