

## Media Release

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### **CMA welcomes reappointment of the Hon. Sussan Ley MP as Federal Health Minister**

Mr Carl Gibson, chief executive officer of Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) has welcomed the reappointment of the Hon. Sussan Ley MP as Federal Health Minister.

"Sussan Ley is a first-class health minister and she will play a pivotal role in delivering on Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's commitment to a "first-class healthcare" system in Australia."

"Australia's complementary medicines industry is backed by a regulatory regime that is regarded as one of the strongest in the world. The Expert Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation is seen by industry as a once in a generation opportunity to shape the regulatory framework for the future, providing a premium regulatory environment that safeguards consumers, is commensurate with the level of risk, and promotes sustainable practice in a growing and thriving industry".

"The focus of the government on cutting regulatory red tape throughout the last parliamentary term was welcomed by the complementary medicines industry. Early adoption of the Expert Panel's recommendations will ensure that Australia has an appropriate, current and exceptional regulatory system that promotes health and wellbeing, and supports and grows our industry," said Mr Gibson.

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### ***Complementary Medicines Australia***

*Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) is the peak industry body for the complementary medicines industry, representing members across the supply chain, including manufacturers, importers, exporters, raw material suppliers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers. CMA promotes appropriate industry regulation and advancement to ensure consumers have access to complementary medicines of the highest quality.*

*CMA is the principal reference point for members, the government, the media and consumers to communicate about issues relating to the complementary medicines industry.*

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