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**AIDH lists priorities for 2022 Federal Election**

The Australasian Institute of Digital Health is calling on political parties and candidates in the federal election to demonstrate their support for continued investment in the digital enablement of healthcare.

AIDH CEO Dr Louise Schaper said the Institute prioritised the development of a fully funded national virtual care strategy, commitment to a digitally enabled health workforce and investment in the infrastructure needed for a 21<sup>st</sup> century healthcare system.

The Institute released its Federal Election Statement today “[Shifting the dial on Australia’s transition to a digital health future](#)”.

“We want to see all candidates committed to supporting investment in the digital enablement of healthcare, and in the capability required for our health system to be responsive in an increasingly interdependent health and aged care landscape,” Dr Schaper said.

“It is imperative that we preserve the momentum gained from the rapid scaling of consumer-centric, digitally enabled health solutions in response to COVID-19,” she said.

“Australia needs a co-designed, accessible, and fully funded national virtual care strategy; investment in a digitally equipped and trained workforce; and investment in the infrastructure that underpins the delivery of healthcare in the 21st century.”

The Institute’s 2022 Federal Election statement outlines our priorities and makes a series of recommendations to address these areas and shift the dial on Australia’s transition to a digital health future, she said.

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