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Palliative Care Australia welcomes Sussan Ley to health portfolio

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) welcomes Sussan Ley's appointment as Health Minister and looks forward to working with her on the many issues relating to care of the terminally ill.

"Ms Ley will bring even further understanding of the unique perspectives of regional Australia to the health portfolio and to government," Palliative Care CEO Liz Callaghan said.

"PCA believes Ms Ley and assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash will form a highly effective team with their experience outside urban Australia."

Ms Callaghan said rural and remote Australia was often the poor relation in health services and funding.

"Life expectancy in the bush has been shown to be shorter than in our urban areas, due in part to the paucity of services and facilities outside major towns and cities.

"Minister Nash has already expressed her strong interest in our work, and we hope to meet Ms Ley soon to discuss with her the diverse issues in the health portfolio that have a direct bearing on those we represent."

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