

# Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC

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Ms Cathy Ebel  
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Dear President *Cathy,*

I write to acknowledge Perioperative Nurses Week and recognise the tireless work undertaken by the South Australian Perioperative Nurses Association (SAPNA) and your members.

As South Australians we are fortunate to have a world class health care system and despite the challenging environment, in which all health professionals work, the passion and commitment of your members is to be commended.

This week (8-14 October 2017) marks Perioperative Nurses Week and provides the perfect opportunity for the South Australian Public Health System to celebrate and honour perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe and quality patient care.

The care provided to patients before, during and after surgery or other procedures speaks to the significant contribution and important role your members play with their tireless and diligent commitment to patient care. Whilst this often occurs 'behind the scenes' I can assure you it does not go unnoticed.

As I am sure you have witnessed, every day perioperative nurses touch the lives of members of our community, supporting them when their health is at its most vulnerable.

For this work and for the commitment I am sure that your colleagues and the community would join me in taking the opportunity provided by this week to recognise your contributions and say 'Thank You'.

I look forward to working with SAPNA for as long as I have the honour of serving as the Minister for Health and trust that SAPNA will be able to pass on my appreciation to all of your members as you celebrate throughout this week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Malinauskas', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

**Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC**  
Minister for Health

*13 / 10 / 2017*