

Why it matters

The aged care sector is undergoing significant transformation to better meet the needs of older Australians now and into the future.

The next 12 months will be critical, with major reforms underway - including the introduction of the new Aged Care Act, the Support at Home program, and substantial regulatory changes.

These changes come at a time when there are critical workforce shortages, and many providers are struggling to keep their doors open.

How you can help

This election, we are asking all sides of politics to prioritise aged care in the next term of Parliament to ensure older Australians receive the care they need.



Let's prioritise ageing in Australia

We need your support to improve the wellbeing of older Australians by making these reforms a success.

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Improving aged care *and* the lives *of* older Australians

We need your support to help older Australians get what they need, where they want it, when they need it.

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Addressing the workforce crisis

We are calling on the government to design sustainable aged care **workforce** solutions that:

- streamline migration processes
- offer the best possible educational settings through higher education, TAFE and other training arrangements
- support regional workforce incentives.

Supporting sector transition

We are calling for support on the **transition** to the Support at Home program, and the new rights-based Aged Care Act by:

- working with the sector on sensible transition timelines
- providing much-needed transition funding
- supporting funding viability and sustainability, including addressing challenges around care management fees.

Improving access to care

We are calling for improved **access** to aged care for older Australians, including:

- addressing waitlist and assessment times
- designing strong safety nets so that everyone has access to high quality services, regardless of their capacity to pay
- supporting innovative models of care, including in regional Australia.

