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Ageing well and independently



Aged Care Now

- Funding focuses on illness and dependence.
- Gives older people limited choice and control over services.

Reform to Age Well will

- Restore or maintain people's independence and reduce costs by avoiding or delaying having to provide more intensive and costly services.
- Increase older people's well-being and dignity.
- Support older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

Access and entitlement to flexible aged care services



Aged Care Now

- Information is hard to find.
- People are left unsupported to find the services they need.
- People are assessed multiple times.
- Standard service responses are provided.

Reform to Age Well will

- Create the Gateway to provide reliable information, support older people and carers and assess for entitlements.
- Provide older people with individually tailored and responsive services that meet their needs.
- Ensure people with the same needs get the same services regardless of where they live.

Funding for aged care services



Aged Care Now

- Doesn't deliver enough care at home.
- Has insufficient funding to provide the care and accommodation that is required.
- Has older people paying different fees, not related to quality or cost of delivery, depending on where they live.

Reform to Age Well will

- Give older people a choice of how to pay for accommodation and services (lump sum or periodic payments).
- Achieve a balance of individual and taxpayer funding.
- Make aged care affordable for the community.
- Provide financial products to support people's payment choices.

A quality workforce



Aged Care Now

- Has 300,000 aged care staff but needs 500,000 more by 2050.
- Has difficulty recruiting and retaining enough staff.
- Has an annual worker turnover of 25-45%.
- Is undervalued work.
- Pays its nurses less than nurses in hospitals are paid. Pays low wages to personal care workers – hospitality staff earn more.

Reform to Age Well will

- Ensure sufficient numbers of skilled workers can provide quality care to older people.
- Provide fair and competitive wages for all aged care staff.
- Make an estimated savings of \$5.39 billion on staff turnover costs from now to 2050.

Support for informal carers and families



Aged Care Now

- About half of Australia's 2.6 million carers are supporting older Australians.
- Carers have poorer physical and mental health, less social support, more expenses and fewer opportunities for paid work than non-carers.

Reform to Age Well will

- Assess carers' capacity and willingness to provide ongoing support.
- Give carers an entitlement to respite and other carer support services including education and training, counselling and peer group support.

Support for people living with dementia



Aged Care Now

- There are 280,000 people with dementia now, in 2050 there will be nearly one million people.
- There is a lack of appropriate services for individuals with younger onset dementia and for those with severe behavioural and psychological symptoms.
- Individuals with dementia and their carers are not able to access flexible respite services that meet their needs.
- For people with dementia, it takes an average of 3.1 years between first noticing symptoms to receiving a firm diagnosis of dementia.

Reform to Age Well will

Provide high quality, flexible services to individuals with dementia, including individuals:

- with younger onset dementia;
- from diverse backgrounds; and
- with severe behavioural and psychological symptoms.

Dying well and with dignity



Aged Care Now

- People die in hospital rather than at home where they want to be.
- It's hard to get community/home based palliative care depending on where you live.
- Community and residential care have poor links with palliative care services.
- Residential care isn't funded well to provide palliative care.

Reform to Age Well will

- Give older people good timely information and advice on palliative care services and advanced care plans through the Gateway.
- Support older people to have a dignified death.
- Provide better palliative care to more people in residential and community aged care services.
- Avoid use of costly hospital services and medical interventions.

Aged care service and system quality



Aged Care Now

- Over regulation limits people's choice.
- There is a lack of consumer and community confidence in quality and compliance systems.
- People don't know how the current system works.

Reform to Age Well will

- Create a separate and independent Commission dedicated to aged care quality.
- Make the system more transparent for consumers and the public.
- Facilitate greater and more direct involvement of older people and their carers in quality and regulatory processes.
- Provide meaningful quality indicators publicly so people can make informed choices about service provision.