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Communique

27 May 2025

The National Aged Care Alliance ('the Alliance') met in Melbourne on 22 & 23 May 2025.

Key topics of discussion

The following key issues were discussed by members at the meeting:

- The new **Inspector General of Aged Care, Natalie Siegel-Brown**, gave an introduction to the Alliance and provided a strategic overview of the office.

- **Anne Burgess, Chair of the Council of Elders,** gave an update on the issues being considered by the Council of Elders.

- The **Department of Health and Aged Care** provided updates on:
  - Support at Home
  - Supported Decision Making and My Aged Care

- **Craig Sinclair, Senior Research Fellow at the University of NSW** updated the Alliance on the consultation regarding policies and guidelines on Supported Decision Making with older adults.

- **First Nations Session** guest speakers Kate Phipps introduced the importance of the *Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme*. Nigel Fullerton and Irene Krauss spoke to the *National Redress Scheme*.

- **Home Modifications Australia** presented the issues that Home Modifications Providers find problematic with the proposed approach to home modifications in the new Support at Home Program

- **Consultants Beth Cox and Ian Yates** hosted discussion and feedback sessions with Alliance members regarding the NACA discussion papers, relating to workforce supply and reform.

- The **Sustainability Strategic Priority Group** led a discussion on what sustainability means for aged care. The views of Alliance members were sought, with the aim of developing a shared understanding of 'sustainability in aged care' as we enter a reformed environment.

- Representatives from **Skipper & Skipper** briefed the Alliance on the progress of the new branding, website and communications rebrand.

Alliance activities

Alliance activities progressed in this quarter include:

- Release of the NACA federal election statement.
- Feedback and input on two Discussion Papers regarding workforce supply and .
- Alliance Members provided feedback regarding the NACA Quarterly meeting Agenda and coordination.

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Government and Department representatives in attendance

The following representatives attended the meeting to contribute to discussions on key topics:

- *Nick Hartland, First Assistant Secretary, Systems, Engagement and Contributions Division*
- *Aimee Chambers, Assistant Secretary, Access and Navigation Branch, Access and Home Support Division*

About the National Aged Care Alliance

The National Aged Care Alliance is the leading coalition of National aged care peak bodies in Australia. Our members represent the core constituencies involved in the delivery of federally funded aged care service providers, unions and professional bodies.

We work together to establish a more positive future for aged care in Australia. We exist to advocate for older and ageing people to be at the center of an aged care system that delivers high quality services. This includes a needs-based approach that ensures equitable outcomes and access to services and support, whilst embracing the diverse characteristics and life experiences ofpeople who need aged care services now or in the future, including their family, friends and carers. The Alliance champions a human rights-based approach to aged care.

We proactively influence and shape the ongoing reform of the aged care and interconnecting systems,such as health, housing and disability that support older and ageing people.

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National Aged Care Alliance Members

(as at April 2025)

Ageing Australia

Allied Health Professions Australia

Anglicare Australia

independence matters – Australian Independent Retirees

audiology australia

ASCN – Australasian Services Care Network

AAG – Australian Association of Gerontology

Australian College of Nursing

ACIA – Aged Care Industry Association

ACTA – Australian Community Transport Association

ADA – Australian Dental Association

ahha – australian healthcare & hospitals association

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation

APA – Australian Physiotherapy Association

ariia – Aged Care Research & Industry Innovation Australia

Australian Recreational Therapy Association

BAPTIST CARE AUSTRALIA

Carers Australia

CATHOLIC HEALTH Australia

Continence Foundation of Australia

COTA – For older Australians

Dementia Australia

EAAA – Elder Abuse Action Australia

ESSA

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LGBTIQ+ HEALTH AUSTRALIA

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA – where love comes to life

Macular Disease Foundation AUSTRALIA – Our focus is your vision

Meaningful Ageing AUSTRALIA

Meals on Wheels Australia

napwha – national association of people with HIV australia

NATSIAACC – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council

Occupational Therapy Australia

OPAN – Older Persons Advocacy Network

PalliativeCare AUSTRALIA

PICAC alliance – Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care

psrac – Leadership – Public Sector Residential Aged Care

Returned Services League Australia

See Differently. – With the Royal Society for the Blind

Speech Pathology Australia

UnitingCare Australia

Vision Australia – Blindness. Low Vision. Opportunity.