

Communique

27 November 2025

The National Aged Care Alliance ('the Alliance') met in Adelaide on 20 and 21 November 2025.

Key topics of discussion

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

- The **Inspector General of Aged Care, Natalie Siegel-Brown**, gave an update on the work of the Office of Inspector-General of Aged Care.
- The **Aged Discrimination Commissioner, Robert Fitzgerald**, presented on 'Human Rights as We Age: Our national priorities and our collective effort'.
- **Dr Rebecca Feo, Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University**, provided an overview of their research on relationship-centred care and the Fundamentals of Care Framework.
- **Dr Linda Swan, Go Gentle Australia**, spoke on their work on voluntary-assisted dying reform across Australia.
- **Senator Anne Ruston** addressed the Alliance on the recent aged care reforms.
- The **Department of Health, Disability and Ageing** provided updates on:
 - Monitoring and evaluating aged care reforms
 - Star ratings
- **HumanAbility** provided an overview of their organisation and sought feedback from the Alliance on the Aged Care, Disability, Leisure and Health Qualification Review project.

Alliance activities

Alliance activities progressed in this quarter include:

- Strategic planning sessions were held to develop the 2026-2030 strategic plan.

Government and Department representatives in attendance

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

- *Cassie Mason, State Manager, SA/WA Branch, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Local Network*

About the National 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 of people 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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