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Quality Aged Care – Have Your Say

Quality aged care for older people is vital for the whole community. This is why the Australian Government is introducing a Single Aged Care Quality Framework across aged care from July 2018.

Consultation papers about two key parts of this framework are now open for comment. These are:

- a draft single set of quality standards for all aged care services; and
- options for a streamlined approach for assessing provider performance against this single set of standards.

The Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt AM, MP, said he wanted to hear from anyone who is interested in the quality of aged care, including people who use or provide aged care.

“The quality of our aged care services is everyone’s business,” he said.

“The aged care reforms the Government is putting in place have been designed in consultation with the sector and consumer representatives.

“We have an opportunity to shape the future of an affordable, sustainable and flexible aged care sector and the two consultation papers I have released today are a crucial part of this important process.

“The papers propose changes that will apply to Australian Government subsidised aged care services.

“This includes aged care services for residential care, home care, flexible care, the Commonwealth Home Support Programme and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.
“What we are proposing will affect consumers, their families and carers, aged care organisations, staff of organisations, and other professionals in the aged care sector and related sectors.

“We want to hear if we’ve got it right. We want to hear from you.”

For information on consultation opportunities and to complete a submission, visit the department’s consultation hub at https://consultations.health.gov.au.

For information and updates on the single aged care quality framework, visit the department’s website at https://agedcare.health.gov.au/quality/single-quality-framework-focus-on-consumers

The closing date for submissions is Friday 21 April 2017.

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