

# Aged Care Taskforce

## Communique 25 July 2023 meeting

The Aged Care Taskforce held its second meeting on 25 July 2023 in Adelaide. The meeting included a discussion on draft principles for the funding of aged care, and on the scope of the Taskforce's work and community engagement.

The Taskforce discussed and agreed a set of draft principles for the funding of aged care. The draft principles are intended to act as a base for ongoing discussions within the taskforce and with the community and will be revised accordingly following those discussions. They will also guide the development of the Taskforce's advice to government. A copy of the draft principles is below.

The Taskforce noted that significant community engagement and data analysis and research will be required to inform its deliberations and advice to government. In addition to targeted consultation, the Taskforce will conduct a public submission process, which will be available through the Aged Care Engagement Hub).

### Draft aged care funding principles

Note: The following principles were developed by the Aged Care Taskforce at its July meeting. These principles are considered draft and may change subject to further Taskforce deliberations.

**Principle 1** – The aged care system should enable and encourage participants to remain in their home for as long as they wish and can do so.

**Principle 2** – Aged care funding arrangements and their outcomes should be fair, simple, transparent and sustainable.

**Principle 3** – Government is and will continue to be the major funder of aged care. Government funding should be focused on care costs. Personal contributions should be focused on accommodation and everyday living costs with a sufficient safety net.

**Principle 4** – Government and participant contributions should be sufficient to provide quality and appropriate care delivered by a skilled workforce, allowing and encouraging innovation by the health, hospital and aged care systems.

**Principle 5** – There should be accountability for funding received from government and participants, how it is spent, and the quality of the services provided.

**Principle 6** – The residential sector should have access to sufficient, and new, capital to encourage the development of new accommodation and upgrades to existing accommodation.