

Aged Care Transition Taskforce – Summary of meeting - 28 November 2024

The Aged Care Transition Taskforce (the Taskforce) met for the first time on the afternoon of 28 November 2024.

The Chair, Anne Burgess, opened the meeting by acknowledging the opportunity that the New Aged Care Act 2024 provided to deliver reform for all Australians. Ms Burgess emphasised the role of the Taskforce in working collaboratively to troubleshoot issues and bring the sector through the transition journey.

Members discussed the structure and scope of the Taskforce and agreed on the importance of a central contact point where the sector can communicate implementation issues. Members participated in a deep dive on the data and digital roadmap through to 30 June 2025 and considered a presentation on Aged Care Rules, specifically the timeline and approach to consultation.

Members considered feedback received from providers and discussed strategies to address confusion and concern about system requirements and potential implementation timeframes. The Taskforce advised on the importance of a 'one stop shop' for all available digital resources and noted that members could also use the resource to communicate transition detail to the sector.

Members agreed that the Taskforce workplan through to 30 June 2025 would be structured around five key themes (data and digital, New Aged Care Act Rules, funding and fee structure, education and training and communication and change management). Feedback received from the sector would inform the timing of issues being brought forward and the detail covered.

The next meeting of the Taskforce is scheduled for 11 December 2024.

In attendance (virtual meeting):

Anne Burgess AM	Chair
Michael Lye	Deputy Chair Deputy Secretary Ageing and Aged Care Department of Health and Aged Care
Andrea Kelly	Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner, Department of Health and Aged Care
Janet Anderson PSM	Commissioner Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
Annie Butler	Federal Secretary Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Prof Jody Currie	Professor of Practice Queensland University of Technology
Dr Paresh Dawda	General Practitioner, Principal and Director Presantia Health and Next Practice
Tim Dymond	Senior Policy Analyst United Workers Union
Amanda Hawton	Executive Director, Reform Australian Unity
Emma Hossack	CEO Medical Software Industry Association
Claerwen Little	National Director UnitingCare Australia
Deirdre McGill	Chief Operating Officer, Home & Community Support Bolton Clarke
Simon Miller	CEO Anglicare

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Tom Symondson CEO Ageing Australia (formerly named Aged and Community Care Providers Association)

Stephen Teulan Board Chair Catholic Healthcare

Apologies

Prof Tanya Buchanan CEO Dementia Australia

Craig Gear OAM CEO Older Persons Advocacy Network

Natalie Molloy Head of Operations and Clinical Governance HammondCare

Patricia Sparrow CEO COTA Australia

Lloyd Williams National Secretary Health Services Union

Observers

Danielle Regeling General Manager, Services Australia

Luke Hiscox National Research and Policy Officer Health Services Union

Corey Irlam Deputy Chief Executive Officer COTA Australia