# **Aged Care Transition Taskforce – Summary of second meeting – 11 December 2024**

In considering feedback and priority issues raised by the sector, Members reviewed and updated the Aged Care Transition Taskforce forward workplan. Members agreed to an ongoing process of registering, prioritising and working towards resolution of implementation issues. The forward workplan will continue to be a ‘live’ document that will reflect this process.

Members provided feedback on the data and digital roadmap through to 30 June 2025 including for it to set out the intended audience and refining some information. Members supported the release of the roadmap and the summary of meeting on the Transition Taskforce webpage. Members are keen to understand the digital maturity of the sector in the context of preparing to transition to the New Aged Care Act.

Members sought further clarification around the consultation process and key engagement dates for the Aged Care Rules. Members agreed for the Rules to continue as a standing agenda item at each meeting.

A ‘deep dive’ session on the implementation of the funding and fee structure of the Support at Home program was included as part of the meeting agenda. Members explored the impact of means testing on various groups and provided feedback on communicating and implementing reforms, noting the need to clearly communicate grandparenting arrangements to minimise confusion and concern in the sector.

Members raised the impact of aged care reform and considerations for particular groups including First Nations people, those living and working where there are thin markets, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people and those impacted by dementia. Effective ways to communicate reforms with the sector, particularly with these groups, is included for discussion at upcoming meetings in addition to exploring unique implementation requirements.

The next meeting of the Taskforce is scheduled for 20 January 2025.

## In attendance (in-person and virtual meeting):

Anne Burgess AM Chair

Prof Tanya Buchanan CEO Dementia Australia

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

Craig Gear OAM CEO Older Persons Advocacy Network

Amanda Hawton Executive Director, Reform Australian Unity

Emma Hossack CEO Medical Software Industry Association

Andrea Kelly Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner, Department of Health and Aged Care

Claerwen Little National Director UnitingCare Australia

Deirdre McGill Chief Operating Officer, Home & Community Support Bolton Clarke

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

Stephen Teulan Board Chair Catholic Healthcare

Lloyd Williams National Secretary Health Services Union

*Corey Irlam Deputy Chief Executive Officer COTA Australia*

*(nominated alternative for Patricia Sparrow)*

### Apologies

Amy Laffan Acting Deputy Chair Deputy Secretary Ageing and Aged Care Department of Health and Aged Care

Janet Anderson PSM Commissioner Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission

Tim Dymond Senior Policy Analyst United Workers Union

Simon Miller CEO Anglicare

Natalie Molloy Head of Operations and Clinical Governance HammondCare

Patricia Sparrow CEO COTA Australia

### Observers

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