# Advocates for older people

Need advice and support?

## There are organisations you can contact if you have concerns or need advice about your aged care services. You can discuss your options with advocates who can speak on your behalf to service providers if you wish. Advocates act confidentially and need your permission before taking any action. All services and advice are free of charge.

### Advocacy Groups

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| Older Persons Advocacy Network | Support, information and advocacy for older people | 1800 700 600  opan.org.au |
| **Disability Advocacy Network Australia** | Advocates for people with a disability | 02 6175 1300  ceo@dana.org.au  dana.org.au |
| **Dementia Australia** | Support for people living with dementia | 1800 100 500  National Dementia Helpline  dementia.org.au |
| **Elder Abuse Phone Line** | Information and advice, or to report concerns of elder abuse | 1800 353 374  (1800ELDERHelp) |

Want to share your views?

These groups make sure your concerns are shared with government and aged care providers. They work on your behalf to influence policies and services.

### Representative Groups

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| Carers Australia | Representing unpaid carers | 02 6122 9900  caa@carersaustralia.com.au  carersaustralia.com.au |
| **Council on the Ageing Australia** | Representing all older Australians | 02 6154 9740  cota@cota.org.au  cota.org.au |
| **LGBTIQ+ Health Australia** | National peak body for LGBTIQ+ health-related programs and research | 02 7209 6301  info@lgbtiqhealth.org.au  lgbtiqhealth.org.au |
| **Consumers Health Forum of Australia** | Representing consumer health care issues | 02 6273 5444  info@chf.org.au  chf.org.au |
| **Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils Australia** | Representing people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds | 02 6282 5755  admin@fecca.org.au  fecca.org.au |
| **National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation** | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing group | 02 6246 9300  naccho.org.au |
| **Aged Care Council of Elders** | Advisory group to the government | 02 6289 8769  CouncilOfElders@health.gov.au  facebook.com/groups/agedcarecouncilofelders  health.gov.au/committees-and-groups/aged-care-council-of-elders |