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AN OPEN LETTER TO COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Today, we were pleased to announce that the Albanese Government will extend the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) to 30 June 2029.

We thank you for the work you do in supporting older people to access essential services like cleaning, shopping, meals, transport, home maintenance, social support and allied health.

This decision provides certainty to the more than 830,000 older people in Australia that use these services every day. With CHSP extended until 2029, older people can expect that their services will continue.

This extension will support you to continue the delivery of CHSP services – whether you are a state or local government provider, private provider, a not-for-profit organisation or a community group.

Many of you operate in regional, rural and remote communities where you are the only provider available. Almost 40 per cent of CHSP clients live outside the major cities. This decision is an important confirmation that Government values your work, and that service provision should continue in these areas as well.

In the longer term, the Albanese Government believes CHSP should remain a standalone program, with changes made to strengthen the program, rather than rolling it into Support at Home.

We want the CHSP program to be sustainable and will begin consultation this year on a long-term future for the program.

This consultation will include how block funding can be continued, ensuring fair and equitable contributions to the costs of home care and how early intervention services can reduce pressure across the system.

We encourage you to participate in this consultation process, with further information to be made available about this and your contract extensions via the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing shortly.

Yours sincerely

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