



National Aged Care Advisory Council

Meeting Communique – 10 June 2026

The National Aged Care Advisory Council (NACAC) met to discuss key aged care reform priorities and provide advice on issues affecting older people, families, carers, providers and the aged care workforce.

Council welcomed recent Budget measures to further support older people, including measures related to personal care, hardship assistance and redress scheme payments. Members discussed the importance of ongoing engagement with the sector as aged care reforms are implemented, including clear communication about system and IT changes.

The importance of continuing to improve access to culturally safe aged care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people was discussed as an area of significant ongoing Council interest. The Council noted the Government's decision to formalise the role of the First Nations Aged Care Commissioner and its continued focus on First Nations priorities across reform work.

The Council considered its forward workplan for 2026 and supported a planned approach to future meetings. Members discussed further consultations on recommendations from the Accommodation Pricing Review noting accommodation pricing is an important part of ensuring residential aged care is sustainable, while also emphasising the need for clear consumer information and strong protections for older people.

The Council discussed the registered supporter role and interaction with state and territory decision-making frameworks. Members noted the importance of supporting the rights, will and preferences of older people, while recognising the complexity for families, supporters, advocates and providers.

The Council discussed the future of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Support at Home and assessment arrangements. Members highlighted the importance of timely access to services, reducing administrative burden, improving data sharing and ensuring services meet the needs of older people, including those in rural and remote communities. Members welcomed work to review the Integrated Assessment Tool and assessment processes.

The Council discussed obligations for associated providers under the *Aged Care Act 2024* and noted the need for practical solutions that support quality and safety while reducing unnecessary administrative burden.

The Council will continue to provide advice to Government on aged care reform implementation, sector sustainability, access to services, workforce issues and consumer protections. Future meetings will continue to focus on practical improvements that support high-quality, safe and person-centred aged care. The next meeting of NACAC will be held on 22 July 2026.