



## More Choices for a Longer Life – overview

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. A \$7 billion aged care funding package in this Budget will deliver more home care places for Australians wanting to live at home longer, develop a skilled workforce and improve safety and quality in both home and residential care.

New home care packages increased from 60,308 in 2012–13 to 124,032 in 2018–19, to 157,154 in 2022–23, an increase of 161 per cent.

The Government will strengthen compliance to tackle poor quality service and fraud. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission will have a key role, including increasing home care audits. The Commonwealth Home Support Program will be extended for a further two years.

In residential aged care, the Government will improve monitoring and reporting of serious incidents involving residents and provide funding to help to ensure the use of medication is appropriate. Work to build the aged care workforce will continue. This will improve capability, conditions and career opportunities for more than 366,000 aged care workers.

### Why is this important?

Australia's population is ageing and the demand for aged care services is growing. It is important that senior Australians continue to have access to safe, quality care, are treated with dignity and have certainty around the care they receive. The Government is committed to continuing to improve the care for senior Australians while the Royal Commission into Aged Care continues its important work.

### Who will benefit?

All senior Australians will benefit from better access, safe and high quality aged care services.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$7 billion from 2018–19 to 2022–23.