



## More Choices for a Longer Life – supporting implementation of the Aged Care Workforce Strategy

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. The Government is continuing its commitment to improving the quality of aged care services by working with the industry to build an aged care workforce that will meet Australia's future needs.

This initiative will support the newly established Aged Care Workforce Industry Council by providing specialist support to work with aged care service providers, health and aged care workers and consumers. This additional support will focus on the key areas of care delivery and improving business systems.

Further, this initiative will bring together Primary Health Networks, local hospital networks, acute health workers, aged care assessment teams and providers and consumers, to look at how we can provide better, coordinated care to people moving through the health and aged care systems.

### Why is this important?

Ensuring our aged care workforce has the right skills is at the heart of the Government's commitment to senior Australians and is a key part of efforts to improve access to care and service quality.

This strategy builds on efforts to better equip the aged care workforce so it can continue to provide quality care for senior Australians – now and into the future. As Australia's population ages, the demand for aged care workers will continue to increase. It is important that the workforce is not only large enough, but that they have the right mix of skills and experience.

### Who will benefit?

More than 1.3 million senior Australians receiving aged care services will benefit from these workforce reforms. The more than 366,000 aged care workers, and all future aged care workers, will also benefit from improved capability, conditions and career opportunities.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$2.6 million in 2019–20.