

Dear Sir/Madam

The closing date for comment on the draft Legislation is way to short a time frame.

Over and over again you ask for elderly to consult with their family members. Unlike you who attend work as a job for income every day our family time is often restricted to weekends whilst our families work. Also, older persons are slower at thinking out problems and discussing these with senior counterparts.

It seems your Department is about to make a huge mistake by trying to hurry through this Legislation.

I have yet been faced with increased charges.

I am on a part Centrelink and small CSS pension of \$400 a fortnight. But for L1 Centrelink estimated my contribution to a Provider as \$260 a month for four hours a month house cleaning.

I am sure you would agree I could find a needy person willing to do my housework and still come out ahead. The reason I need so much assistance at age 72 is years of childhood abuse in the care of the NSW Government. Being belted with a baseball bat and a State Ward issued hair brush sees me having had 5 spinal fusions, 10 titanium rods in my spine, a bolt to hold a broken back together, both knees replaced, left hip, right shoulder. This year I need a right hip and both carpal tunnels done. Alone with being left from 8 years old for a pedophile. Yes, these seniors from last century exist. We should not have to pay towards our care. Funds should be accessible for the younger ageing seniors who have gone through torture in Government care.

I voted the Labour Government in because the Morrison Government did nothing for Forgotten Australians, except a pitiful redress system. Julia Gillard was our salvation.

So who now will speak for the children of yesterday like Jacqui Lambert speaks humbly of the Veteran's of yesterday or do we hang our head and walk away?

Since most people on pensions get paid fortnightly why does the Department insist on monthly payments.

Monthly payments gives us no continuity when we are trying to budget.

As Centrelink can make payment for gas and electricity why can not the same arrangements occur through their offices to Providers.

Department of Health need to start looking outside the box and call on Consultative individuals who deal daily with many situations.

Whereas, the Department of Health may be looked upon as the Queen Bee you need to call the others in the hive to know what matters are a priority.

You have persons representative of certain groups with special needs. Now you need to complete this group with those people in our community who are dedicated to crossing the t and dotting the i.

I urge the Department and those involved in this Draft to reconsider the date of conclusion.

Any other decision would be a grave mistake.

Kind Regards

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