

The proposed changes to the Aged Care Act do NOT allow sufficient funding for in home care, especially the limit of 1.5 hours pre month for gardening assistance. The proposed changes fail to recognise that people have different sized and styles of gardens, some of which require far more maintenance than is allowed for. A minimum of 2 hours per fortnight should be allowed for as is currently the case. We were promised that existing clients would be no worse off but it seems that this was a lie. The specified 2 hours per fortnight for household cleaning is barely enough and there will be many instances where more time is required.