

Hello,

As a full time carer I object to the changes being proposed by the Aged Care Minister Anika Wells for the following reasons.

Capped services,

52 hours per year of cleaning is unrealistic, to clean a bathroom alone is roughly 30 minutes, what about the rest of the house? What about if the elderly person is dual incontinence, their bedroom is roughly 30 minutes. The risk and harm associated living in an unhygienic environment is astronomical and not to forget most cleaning companies have a minimum.

Add co-payment on top, it makes it more difficult for an elderly person to hire a cleaner.

18 hours per year of gardening is unrealistic. This works out to be 1.5 hours per month. In areas such as Queensland, gardening needs to be done at least once a week at a minimum of 2 hours for a small yard. Most lawn mowing companies would not accept these conditions putting the elderly at more risk not seeing sunlight, having snakes etc

Co-payment for these services, the elderly will be forced to choose between medicine, bills, cleaning and lawns. These two changes alone would not be tolerated in a nursing home therefore can be considered as a human rights violation.

The Minister has claimed numerous times those already receiving a HCP or on the waiting list will be grandfathered over to the new system. This we all found out later is a lie, gaslighted to have this system pushed through.

Again, the circumstances surrounding this new act and how it's being pushed through can be seen as a Human Rights breaches and perhaps breaching international laws.

The Minister for Aged Care and Health Mark Butler in a recent interview with the ABC said he had no knowledge of the caps and co-payments and acknowledged these suggestions are NOT fit for health and safety. How are these suggestions by Anika Wells still being considered. Anika Wells has stated bipartisan, this is not true when your own ALP and the LNP are against the New Aged Care Act.

OPAN is with Anika Wells, however those who work at OPAN are totally against the New ACT, questions must be raised why only the big bosses are agreeing with Anika Wells with the New ACT. Human Rights have also said the Act when only mentioning the services agree it's human rights violations and wanted details of who is forcing an elderly into these horrific conditions, as soon as the minister Anika Wells implicated as the cruelty, Human Rights quickly back tracked and said it's all legal.

The Aged Care Act IS breaching human rights and needs to be stopped and pushed back further until the Act is elderly focused!!

As a full time carer, I am burning out more due to the changes to the HCP's January 2023. I am prepared to give up my own life and financials for my Loved One, however if this Act goes through I will be forced to think about a nursing home with hidden cameras set up as I flatly refuse to put my financials further in hardship and have carers burnout even more. I understand my Loved One staying home saves the government thousands and thousands each year!! I also understand there are not enough facility beds therefore more likely taking up hospital beds till a facility has vacancy.

This New Act does not support and or address the elderly declining health needs. The Minister has not considered every single elderly person has different needs. HCP's should be tweaked and funding lowered especially level 3 and 4 due to the HCP's not being used as they were intended for due to the Minister changing them, hence billions of funding have not been spent.

The Minister has literally used the data against the elderly to stop them using funding, this is gross and putting lives at risk.

I have read many submissions including one that is not only despicable but disgusting. How a company can even suggest volunteers and staff members avoid legal accountability for neglect and or abusing an elderly is absolutely outrageous and should be given to the media as evidence of what nursing homes are wanting- neglect and abuse that can cause death to be legal.

The Royal Commission handed down 148 recommendations, however the minister it seems has deliberately left out all the recommendations that keep the elderly healthy and safe. Meanwhile the minister brags about implementing the recommendations and even lying how many the Royal Commission handed down. This is unacceptable!

It's been said multiple times providers won't survive with the new act and will actually close down. How is this in the best interests for the elderly?

The minister claims aged care workers deserve their pay rise, has the minister not thought about the elderly not being able to afford her cruel decisions, therefore aged care workers will get less?

Council of Elders are apparently against the New Aged Care Act. There is one CoE in particular that seems to be pushing for things that will put the elderly at high risk. There's ample of evidence stating nursing homes are rampant with STD's, why is this CoE pushing for condoms, sex toy parties, sex when ever. Why is this CoE suggesting nursing homes become whore houses? Why is the government allowing this CoE who does not have capacity due to having dementia allowed to push for these disgusting policies? My Loved Ones biggest fear is being raped in a nursing home, where are her rights?

Why does this CoE have her fingers in many organisations such as Mable, Dementia Australia, CoE etc? This can be considered as a massive conflict of interests.

Stop this CoE and act on the rights of the elderly not wanting to be raped, family wishes and abolish the disgusting STD's in nursing homes.

Did you know this CoE has been blocked from numerous Aged groups due to her backstabbing, lying and abusive behaviour? Gwen darling needs to be stopped!!

The Minister Anika Wells wouldn't like her children and family to endure the horrific she is implementing, why is she allowing Australia's most vulnerable to endure it? Why is the Minister enforcing further restrictions knowing she herself wouldn't be able to live in her own home?

The Minister seems to be very uneducated in Aged Care despite washing dishes and pushing a tea trolley in a nursing home while her mother was a receptionist. This position does not make you educated of the needs an elderly person needs.

Minister Wells will be known as a failure if this act goes through especially when it hits the media when her cruel act starts killing the elderly, making them sick, abuse worse, neglect worse and hospitals are full due to no facility beds.