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Since the restriction's on the HCP was introduced January 2023, the elderly at home have been financially strained and going without due to medication, medical, etc being more important for health, this forcing the elderly to go without.

This new act the Minister is trying to force through will make life worse for the elderly and their carers and that's if an elderly person has a carer.

I believe no real thought has gone into this act as those who rent will be impacted the hardest and those in their own home impacted the most when bills are needed to be paid.

The elderly already feel like a burden on their carers and the system.

There is distrust with the system due to medical professionals not listening and doing as they please making health and wellbeing worse, this includes professionals would rather drug an elderly person instead of attending their care needs, leaving an elderly person in their urine and feces, not feeding an elderly person the correct diet, speaking down to an elderly person even their own colleagues who's profession was a nurse their whole life the list is endless of what goes on. Why would an elderly person want to go into a care home?

We also have "œcare" where institutions would rather drug an elderly person and take financial control leaving a carer to pick up the pieces at home, how can this sit right with anyone it's the dirty secrets of abuse and neglect that is hidden from the public.

Home is best for numerous reasons, such as saving the government and taxpayers millions perhaps billions each year an elderly person is home, the care at home is more quality of life even for those who don't have a carer and or aren't involved with the system. Why would the government suggest the elderly pay a % for real care? Why would the government give free clinical care knowing this is not what the elderly needs?

The minister states she worked in a facility while she watched her mother work as a receptionist and while she studied law, does the minister not understand there is a huge difference between a nursing home client and home clients and the needs for both are totally different? It doesn't look like it due to the difference in care and what is allowed to keep the elderly safe and healthy.

Does the minister not understand that care homes hide and cover up things to please her regulations? Facility workers are speaking out and still she ignores what's going on, why is that?

The Minister claims she listened and worked with Elders of Council, why are they more specifically Gwen Darling saying the Minister ignored them and went against them putting the new act together? Gwen Darling has also said she's not only disappointed with the Minister but her life will also be impacted for the worse.

The Minister claims nurses deserve their pay rise, this may be the case however has she not thought about the consequences of her actions that nurses and Aged support workers will actually make less due to the elderly not able to afford the services.

Under the Aged Care Act showers and other hygiene services are by law, why are the elderly being forced to pay? Why are the elderly being forced to pay for services like gardening and cleaning that keep them home, safe and healthy another employment sector who will suffer under the New Act if this goes through. Do lives in these employment sectors not matter?

Clinical, charging an absolute fortune- ripping the government off and doing minimum work, work that would see their licenses taken off them. Clinical workers jumping for joy they are excluded from this act meanwhile support workers are stressing out as they know they will be missing out on work-how is this fair to these workers and most importantly the elderly?

The minister claims carers are to support the elderly with care, hygiene, health, safety and financially 24/7. Under the laws, this is a massive breach in the work force, so why is this being forced onto

carers? Carers burnout will be massive and carers will be forced to look into care homes, care homes where there is not enough staff and beds available, this will impact hospitals by forcing hospitals to take the elderly on until there is a bed available putting more strain on an already overwhelmed hospital system and also in return impacting every Australian who needs hospital treatment putting lives at risk more than ever before. In case you haven't noticed this is already happening.

Country- rural areas are lacking in services so bad that facilities are taking advantage of it and playing god with the elderly lives by denying services due to not allowing them to take full control of them. This is a human rights breach. What about services who charge astronomical prices for being 2 minutes down the road yet services an hour away from the city charge fair prices and do more work than those 2 minutes down the road? None of this has been addressed.

Indigenous people, why is the funding and care so different to non indigenous people. Care like free medical, free medicine, free equipment etc. This is nothing more than pure racism and discrimination.

The rich and mega rich have once again been let off with paying their fair share of Aged Care. Why allow these people to contribute to the already unsustainable Aged Care system? Is it not enough they have lived the rich life at the expense of the little people and not paying their fair share of taxes due to loopholes? Loopholes only the rich can use.

Is it not bad enough the care they receive is over the top compared to the care the little people receive? Yes, I've seen first hand the care given and it's disgusting. I've also seen first hand how the rich are manipulated so wills are changed so these care workers profit, I also know the type of care given that belongs in a brothel. None of this has been addressed, why is that?

Nurse shortages exist due to the horrid conditions some nurses face daily. Employing overseas workers is disgraceful, most have no morals and or integrity whatsoever and let's not forget how many are desperate to live in Australia, what a way to be fast tracked at the elderly's expense, health and wellbeing. This is not a hidden fact.

Instead of free TAFE that awards simple certificates, go further and give free university degrees, especially for those who are involved with the elderly such as carers, do you not think it's a waste to not have these carers in the industry? Currently, 25 hours away from the elderly is allowed, how can a carer get a degree due to their care restrictions? If things are put in place the elderly can still be cared for, allow carers to get the uni degree for FREE.

It amazes me how the government- Anika Wells believes free TAFE certificates will bring nurses to the aged industry when the NDIS has better pay conditions and workers are paid for their work. How the government can not think of this is beyond me, paid hundreds of thousands per year from the taxpayers yet can think of simple ways of truth.

Providers are paid well for dictating to the elderly of what they can have and cannot have. Dictating from young ones who have no real life experiences and no experience of what the elderly actually need. Does this not come under the laws of respect, dignity, care and neglect? After all, a care home by law is to provide what the elderly need to stay healthy, hygienic and safe. Why are the laws being used as legal and illegal?

Why are some people able to get things through on the HCP and others are not, is there some form of favours, conflict of interests, connections etc?

It seems the government has appointed Ms Anika Wells as Minister due to her being able to use what she worked in a nursing home, I know what the elderly need but the minister has no qualifications in Aged Care nor does she understand what the elderly truly need. The Minister has 2 major portfolios and it seems she's only interested in her sports portfolio, reality is the minister is not

fit or educated in the Aged Care system. A kitchen hand and pushing a tea trolley does not make you Aged Care qualified and nor does it make her "jack of all trades" in the Aged Care sector, "jack of all trades" as she mentions on her Facebook page. "Jack of all trades" belongs to carers.

The government is concerned about the future of Aged Care being unsustainable, however if the Act comes in it will be more unsustainable. Perhaps tweak HCPs, I for one would welcome HCPs have less funding especially level 3 and 4 to be able to give more HCPs to those who need it. Tweak what we already have, don't make it more complicated as the new act is and worse for the elderly, after all the elderly built this country and deserve to be well cared for. Look after carers as well, as carers are the true backbone for the elderly and don't get paid. The pension and or allowance is not a pay, it's crumbs compared to what nurses and support workers receive.