

# NATIONAL AGED CARE ALLIANCE

ATTENTION: Aged care/health/political reporters

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## Time for all parties to commit to a new vision for aged care

The National Aged Care Alliance (the Alliance) today called on all political parties to commit to implementing a new vision for aged care in the next term of government.

The Alliance spokespersons Ian Yates, Chief Executive of the Council on the Ageing (COTA) and Greg Mundy, Chair of the Campaign for Care of Older Australians, called for a bi-partisan approach to aged care reform.

“We want all political parties to support the Alliance Vision.”

“If this Vision is implemented by the next government every older Australian will be able to live with dignity and independence in a place of their choosing with a choice of appropriate and affordable support and care services as and when they need them.”

“We have worked with consumers, carers, service providers, professional groups, and industrial organisations to develop this shared vision for the future support and care of all older Australians.”

“It provides clear advice on how systems and services need to change so that every older Australian can live with dignity and independence.”

“The Alliance calls on every candidate to commit to the new Vision for Aged Care – let’s put older Australians first in this election.”

The Alliance is a coalition of 26 organisations representing consumers, providers, health professionals, and unions involved in aged care.

The Alliance Vision *Leading the Way - Our Vision for Support and Care of Older Australians* is available at:

[www.naca.asn.au](http://www.naca.asn.au)

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#### National Aged Care Alliance members:

Aged and Community Services Australia; Aged Care Association Australia; Alzheimer's Australia; Australian Nursing Federation; Anglicare Australia; Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine; Australian Association of Gerontology; Australian General Practice Network; Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association; Australian Physiotherapy Association; Baptist Care Australia; Carers' Australia; Catholic Health Australia; COTA Australia; Diversional Therapy Association of Australia; Health Services Union; Legacy Australia; LHMU; Lutheran Aged Care Australia; OT Australia; Palliative Care Australia; Pharmacy Guild of Australia; Returned and Services League of Australia; Royal Australian College of General Practitioners; Royal College of Nursing Australia and UnitingCare Australia.