

HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

SENIOR AUSTRALIANS AND AGED CARE

Hear Our Voice recognizes the valuable contribution older Australians have made, and continue to make, to the prosperity of our nation. Older Australians have influenced every facet of society and they greatly enhance our culture.

Hear Our Voice believes that no older Australian should struggle financially in their retirement. They have worked hard to help build our nation and have contributed to its financial stability so they should not endure hardship in their retirement.

Hear Our Voice supports an increase in the aged pension – the current rate is unacceptable and inadequate for people to live on.

Hear Our Voice believes that older Australians receiving the aged pension should be entitled to free health, dental and medical assistance. Hear Our Voice believes that these benefits should be available for self-funded retirees at an affordable rate.

Hear Our Voice believes that appropriate and quality aged care services, which allow older people to live with dignity, should be available and accessible for all Australians, irrespective of income, circumstances or location.

Hear Our Voice believes that older people have the right to participate in all aspects of life (socially, economically and politically), and we encourage their participation.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives and programs that enhance the health and well-being of older Australians, including access to high quality health and aged care services.

Hear Our Voice believes that older Australians should have access to a range of accommodation options that are both affordable and secure. We believe these options should be available in not just metropolitan areas, but also rural and regional locations.

Hear Our Voice believes that the provision of aged care services should be high quality whether provided in residential, home or hospital settings.

Hear Our Voice supports an increase in aged care places as well as hostel and retirement accommodation.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives which will encourage residential aged care providers to employ qualified nurses, and we support initiatives that entice quality nursing staff to the aged care industry.

Hear Our Voice supports increased funding to improve the numbers, skills and incomes of aged care workers and community health nurses.

Hear Our Voice believes that older Australians wanting to remain in their own home should have access to appropriate programs and services to help them remain there, including assistance with home modifications.

Hear Our Voice believes that people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds should have access to culturally appropriate aged care services.