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Baptist Care Australia Strongly Supports Recommendations of the Aged Care Taskforce

Baptist Care Australia, the national representative body for Baptist community service organisations, strongly supports the recommendations outlined in the Final Report of the Aged Care Taskforce. The report, released on Monday, focuses on the funding arrangements for aged care in Australia.

"We embrace the recommendations of the aged care task force report as a vital step towards ensuring the sustainable funding of aged care into the future," said Dr Robyn Sampson, CEO of Baptist Care Australia. "Our ageing population will require a rapid increase in quality aged care services across the nation. Without the proposed changes, the current financial framework would strain to meet this challenge. The government must act swiftly to integrate these recommendations into the new Aged Care Act."

The report provides a strong and considered set of recommendations for a sustainable approach to financing aged care. With most aged care providers operating at a loss, these sensible and responsible reforms are urgently needed to enable continued investment and delivery of exceptional care for all Australians, regardless of location.

"As we advance in reforming aged care funding, we must also prioritise ensuring access to quality care for marginalised groups and less well-off Australians," added Dr Sampson. "The system must be designed to guarantee that everyone, regardless of socio-economic status, can access the care and support they need as they age. This commitment to equity and inclusivity is integral to building a compassionate and effective aged care system that serves the diverse needs of our society."

Baptist Care Australia commends the Taskforce for developing recommendations to ensure an equitable system that provides a safety net for those without the means to contribute more.

Baptist Care Australia strongly encourages the government to implement the recommendations as part of the passage of the new Aged Care Act. As Australia's population ages and the demand for aged care services increases, additional funding will be crucial to upgrade existing facilities and invest in new places to meet the growing needs of the ageing population.

Baptist Care Australia, as the national representative body for Baptist community service organisations and their clients, plays a crucial role in the national policy debate. Each year the Baptist Care Australia network care for over 25,000 older Australians including over 5,000 residents in 62 residential aged care facilities and almost 20,000 older Australians in their own home.

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