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UnitingCare Australia National Director appointed to the new National Aged Care Advisory Council

UnitingCare Australia welcomes the announcement today that National Director, Ms Claerwen Little, has been appointed to the newly created National Aged Care Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council, which is part of the Australian Government’s response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, has been tasked with the role of providing advice on the implementation of the Government’s aged care reform agenda.

Geoff Batkin AM, Chair of UnitingCare Australia, said it is vital that these reforms truly deliver the world class aged care system that older Australians deserve.

“Every person deserves compassion and dignity as they age. We must ensure a rights based approach underpins every aspect of these reforms, so that every person can age to their full potential.

“Claerwen, in her role as National Director of UnitingCare Australia and Chair of the Australian Aged Care Collaboration has the experience and knowledge required to contribute to such a change”.

A total of 17 Members have been appointed to the Advisory Council that will be Chaired by Ms Andrea Coote.

Each member will serve a three-year term and will represent five key groups including Indigenous, culturally and linguistically diverse, carers and advocacy groups.

Senior Australians will also have the opportunity to work with the Australian Government on the reforms through the Council of Elders which will be elected through a public nomination process.

About UnitingCare Australia

UnitingCare Australia is the national body for the Uniting Church’s community services, one of the largest networks in Australia. The UnitingCare network supports 1.4 million people every year across 1,600 sites in urban, rural, and remote communities, with over 50,000 staff and 30,000 volunteers. The UnitingCare Aged Care Network supports approximately 97,000 older people, comprising 8.5% of total residential beds and 10% of Home Care Packages nationally

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