

UnitingCare Australia commends Inspector-General's first Progress Report on aged care reform

UnitingCare Australia commends the release of the first Progress Report by the Inspector-General of Aged Care, Natalie Siegel-Brown, on the implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

"We thank the Inspector-General for undertaking this important work," said Claerwen Little, National Director of UnitingCare Australia. "This is a significant milestone in the reform journey of Australia's aged care system, and we look forward to engaging closely to create a system that older Australians can rely on."

The release of the 2025 Progress Report outlines progress made against recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission. The report is both timely and pivotal, as the Aged Care Act 2024 comes into effect on 1 November 2025.

Ms Siegel-Brown emphasised that swift and coordinated actions are required to ensure older Australians see real, tangible improvements in their daily lives. "This Report is a clarion call," she said.

"This Report shines a light on both the progress to date and the work that lies ahead. Independent oversight is essential to ensuring reforms stay on track, and that older Australians remain at the centre of change," said Claerwen Little, National Director of UnitingCare Australia.

The UnitingCare Aged Care Network reaffirmed its commitment to high quality, compassionate care, welcoming the Report's focus on dignity and rights.

About UnitingCare Australia

UnitingCare Australia is the national body for the Uniting Church's community services network and an agency of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. Through advocacy and by strengthening service provision, UnitingCare Australia gives voice to the Uniting Church's commitment to social justice.

The UnitingCare Network is the largest network of social service providers in Australia, delivering 5.8 million interactions annually across 1,600 service locations in urban, rural, and remote communities, with over 55,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers.

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