

MEDIA RELEASE

Government to Refine Draft Legislation following Public Feedback.

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The Aged Care Industry Association (ACIA) is pleased with today's [announcement](#) from the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon. Anika Wells MP, that the Government is taking the necessary time to consider the extensive feedback received on the exposure draft of the new Aged Care Act.

The announcement is very much in line with ACIA's public advocacy, which has consistently argued that rushing the legislation poses an unacceptable risk to the operations of aged care providers and the people who rely on them.

ACIA CEO Peter Hoppo said that while we acknowledge that the delay will disappoint some, significant reform continues to occur in the sector and people are now receiving more consistent and higher quality care than they did a few years ago.

"We fully support the Albanese Government's mission to enhance the quality of aged care in Australia, aiming to provide high-quality, person-centered services. Ensuring a smooth transition to the new Act will undoubtedly assist in achieving this goal."

"While the new Act is being finalised, it is crucial that momentum is not lost, particularly in ensuring that previous reforms are working as intended. A good start would be in recognising the nursing care minutes provided by our highly experienced Enrolled Nurses."

ACIA will continue to acknowledge and highlight the challenges faced by aged care providers, calling out negative or unintended consequences which ultimately impact on older Australians requiring care and support.

All quotes attributable to Peter Hoppo, Chief Executive Officer, Aged Care Industry Association.