



Australian Government

Aged Care Workforce Strategy Taskforce

New, comprehensive voice for aged care skills and workforce planning.

As the chair of the Aged Care Workforce Strategy Taskforce, I would like to thank you for participating in our Taskforce consultations. Engaging with those at the front line is critical if we are to develop a pragmatic and implementable workforce strategy for Australia's aged care workforce.

I am pleased to announce that we are already making progress. This week I joined with the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt MP and the Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, the Hon Karen Andrews MP to announce the establishment of an Aged Care Industry Reference Committee (IRC). More detail is available in the attached media release.

In response to many of the challenges raised during Taskforce consultations and the growing demand of the ageing Australian population on the existing workforce, the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) is establishing a specific-purpose Aged Care IRC to strengthen the aged care sector's leadership of reforms arising from the work of the Taskforce.

As chair of the AISC, I encourage you to provide feedback on the structure and membership of the proposed Aged Care IRC which aims to capture a broad range of expertise and experience across the aged care sector. In particular, we are seeking views on the following:

- Does the proposed structure reflect the aged care sector?
- Should particular representative types be removed or are there others that should be added?
- Does the structure ensure a consumer focus?
- Within the proposed structure which organisations should be on the IRC?

If you have any comments or suggestions on the proposed structure below, please complete the AISC feedback form available at <https://www.aisc.net.au/irc/aged-care-industry-reference-committee> by COB Wednesday 4 April 2018.

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the Aged Care IRC, a call for nominations will be made after the proposed structure consultation period has closed.

Thank you again for your contribution,

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