

## HSU response to Royal Commission Covid-19 report

The Federal Government must act quickly to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's special report on the COVID-19 pandemic.

**All quotes are attributable to Health Services Union National Secretary, Lloyd Williams.**

"These recommendations are putting older Australians at the centre of the reforms, something that the Federal Government should have been doing all along."

"Maintaining the quality of life of older Australians through these recommendations will reduce the strain on the aged care workforce."

"We want to see the Federal Government rolling out these changes immediately, we hope out of respect to our older Australians, their loved ones and all aged care workers there will be no more delays and inaction."

"While we have always welcomed additional funding during the pandemic it is disappointing that there is the lack of attention on funding transparency. We need to better regulate the application and acquittal processes of funding in aged care, a prime example of this would be fixing the Aged Care Retention Bonus funding scheme to include all aged workers."

"It is encouraging to see a focus on the important work our allied health professionals do, particularly in regard to addressing the mental health of our older Australians."

HSU National Secretary Lloyd Williams is available for further comments.

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