

National Aged Care Alliance Election Scorecard

This scorecard refers to the political parties' election commitments to aged care and scores them against the top priorities of the National Aged Care Alliance. www.naca.asn.au

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Key:	0	no commitment
	1	commitments that partially meet the alliance's priorities
	2	commitments that fully meet the alliance's priorities

Parties	ALP	Coalition
Health Funding		
<i>Ensure fair and equitable access for all older Australians to the full range of health services</i>		
1. Prevent unnecessary hospital admissions	1	1
2. Access for all to dental care	2	1
3. Fund transport through Australian Health Care Agreements	0	0
4. Continue Dementia as a National Health Priority	2	2
Residential Aged Care		
<i>Residential aged care services should be modern efficient, safe and sensitive to cultural and environmental factors. Funding must reflect the full costs of care</i>		
5. Solutions to long term capital needs	1	0
6. End short changing of care funding – pay the care costs in full	0	0
7. Increased funding for primary health care delivery	1	1
Community Care		
<i>Community services provide the means for older people to live at home longer with maximum independence and well being</i>		
8. More and better funded care packages	0	0
9. Better support services for carers and families	1	1
Workforce		
<i>Quality aged care, both residential and in the community, cannot be achieved without a skilled and qualified workforce which is funded, rewarded and valued</i>		
10. Competitive wages and conditions for all staff in aged care	0	0
Technology		
<i>Integrated communication technology infrastructure is essential for effective health services</i>		
11. Fund sustainable integrated information technology and staff training	0	0
Current commitment to aged care	8	6

The ALP has committed to:

primary care clinics – 'super GP clinics'; a health reform commission; \$158m for transitional care beds; a dental care scheme; retaining dementia as a national health priority; \$300m low interest loans for infrastructure costs to provide an additional 2,500 beds; reform of the residential aged care planning and allocation arrangements and review of planning ratios; assisting carers through the 'making ends meet' initiative.

The Coalition has committed to:

limited access to dental care for people with chronic illnesses; extra financial support for carers; funding for practice nurses to visit the elderly in their homes.