



OPPORTUNITY TO REFINE AND REFORM GOVERNMENT AGENDA

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National Seniors Australia (NSA), the leading advocacy body for older Australians, congratulates the Anthony Albanese led Government on being elected for a second term.

NSA Chief Executive Officer Chris Grice said he looks forward to continuing to work with the government to protect and promote the interest and contribution of older Australians at a time of significant global uncertainty.

“Post-election, older Australians continue to face challenges. Cost-of-living pressures; global market volatility; stability and certainty of retirement income; rising health costs; insecure and unaffordable housing; and delays in accessing high quality aged care are some of the immediate challenges facing the older population,” Mr Grice said.

“The issues facing older people are not behind us and will continue to be felt by current and future generations unless the federal government acts in a timely and appropriate manner to refine its policies.

“Over the next 40 years, the number of Australians aged 65 and older will more than double and the number aged 85 and older and will more than triple. We must work now to get Australia’s policy settings right.

“As detailed in the 2023 Intergenerational Report, an ageing population, rising demand for care and support services, and technical and digital transformation are three of the top five forces affecting the economy. Managing these forces that will also impact older Australians is essential to “building a stronger, more sustainable, and more inclusive nation” where the older population is a part of the solution and not the problem.

“Now is an opportunity to refine and reform the government agenda for the next three years to create a kinder and more respectful Australia that acknowledges and supports the millions of older Australians who made our country what it is today – and lays the foundation for the seniors of tomorrow.”

National Seniors Australia’s key policy policies

COST OF LIVING

- Retain the **deeming rate freeze** until a fairer method is devised.
- **Let Pensioners Work** by exempting employment income from the pension income test.

HEALTH & AGED CARE

- Review the private health system to **reduce premiums and out-of-pocket costs**.
- Provide **more home care packages** to reduce wait list to three months.

BANKING & SUPERANNUATION

- Create an Australia Post **bank for regional and rural Australia**.
- **Protect superannuation** by retaining choice and control.

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