

Party commitments to our policies*

Coalition	Labor	Greens	Rebekah Sharkie (Ind, Mayo)	Andrew Wilkie (Ind, Clark)
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Fix Pension Poverty

Establish an Independent Age Pension Tribunal	Do not support	Do not support	Partially support	Support	Support
Increase the maximum rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance.	Do not support	Do not support	Partially support	Support	Support
Provide a subsidy to connect to the NBN or another appropriate internet service.	Do not support	Do not support	Support	Support	Support
Expand the provision of basic dental care for pensioners including those in aged care.	Do not support	Support	Support	Support	Support

Address aged care deficiencies

Triple the number of level 3 and 4 home care packages.	Do not support	Do not support	Support	Support	Support
Require that all aged care providers publish staff-to-resident ratios.	Do not support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Ensure all aged care staff in direct care roles have basic dementia training.	Do not support	Partially support	Support	Support	Support

Maintain fairness in retirement incomes

Retain access to franking credit refunds for all retirees.	Support	Do not support	Do not support	Support	Support
Reduce the asset test taper rate from \$3.00 to \$2.00.	Do not support	Do not support	Partially support	Partially support	Support
Exempt up to \$250,000 of home sale proceeds from the Age Pension means test.	Do not support	Do not support	Do not support	Partially support	Support

Arrest rising health costs

Require all specialists to publish fees on a public register and ensure all GPs make patients aware of choice when referring to a specialist.	Support	Do not support	Support	Support	Support
Limit private health insurance premium increases to no more than CPI until reforms take effect.	Do not support	Support	Support	Support	Support

Protect pensioners from future rises in energy costs

Reinstate indexation of the Energy Supplement.	Do not support	Do not support	Support	Support	Support
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Reduce Centrelink wait times

Cut Centrelink telephone waiting times for older Australians and reduce Age Pension processing times.	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
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Enhance elder abuse protections

Accelerate efforts to create nationally consistent Powers of Attorney legislation and a single national register for these documents.	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
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*National Seniors sent a questionnaire to every political party asking them to note if they supported, partially supported or did not support the recommendations outlined in our election priorities document. Listed here are those parties and independents who responded to our request.

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