

Aged Care Royal Commission: Have Your Say

Dear Member,

As you will probably be aware, the Federal Government has announced a Royal Commission into the state of the aged care sector in Australia. This comes at a time of heightened national scrutiny and concern, brought on by the HSU's *Our Turn To Care* campaign and a special two-part *4 Corners* investigation. As we said in [our message to members](#) earlier this week, this is reason to celebrate, but we want to make sure that the Royal Commission is asking the right questions.

In order to make significant and positive changes in aged care, the Royal Commission must examine the underlying causes of the current crisis. That means addressing serious funding and staffing shortfalls.

The Department of Health is currently seeking submissions to determine the detailed Terms of Reference for the inquiry. No one is better qualified than you – an aged care worker – to say what the Royal Commission should be investigating. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey and make sure that aged care workers' voices are heard.

The survey closes Tuesday 25 September and can be completed [at this link](#).

As we touched on earlier this week, the *Our Turn To Care* campaign will be stepping up a gear to ensure that we keep the pressure on politicians to fix the problems in aged care. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the campaign, please send an email to agedcare@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



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