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AGED CARE WORKFORCE INDUSTRY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FEDERAL BUDGET REPLY

The Aged Care Workforce Industry Council welcomes the commitments to aged care made in the opposition's budget reply speech.

Across Australia, in both residential and home care settings, the aged care sector is experiencing a concerning shortage of workers.

The availability of appropriately trained staff to fill the current vacancies and anticipated additional requirements are affected by a range of factors, including the rate of skilled migration of workers and the degree to which attraction strategies are employed and implemented.

The reform process is well underway but there is much work ahead of us, to ensure that the aged care workforce is suitably skilled and able to deliver safe, consistent, and high-quality care services to older Australians.

We will continue to work with the government, opposition and other key stakeholders, including aged care providers, peak bodies, consumers and workforce representatives, to develop and implement solutions to bolster our aged care workforce and drive sustainable, positive change.

Through collaboration, courageous leadership and development of innovative solutions, the sector is taking take a proactive role to ensure that older people continue to receive a high standard of care, and that the wellbeing of our workers remains a priority.

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