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Submissions open for review of the implementation of the Aged Care Royal Commission recommendations

The Acting Inspector-General of Aged Care (Inspector-General) has commenced a review of the Commonwealth's implementation of the 148 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

To help inform the review, the Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care (the Office) is inviting submissions from the public.

The Office welcomes input from people and organisations across the aged care system, including older people receiving aged care, their families and carers; aged care providers and people who work in aged care; and advocates.

The submissions process is open until **29 January 2027**.

The review will assess whether the Australian Government's aged care reforms are likely to deliver the intended outcomes of the royal commission in the following areas:

- People-centred aged care: a rights-based system
- Leadership and government accountability
- Access and navigation
- High quality and safe care and support
- An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care pathway
- Equitable aged care
- Regulation and provider accountability
- Workforce
- Sustainable aged care.

The Office will also collect input from Australian Government agencies, and will engage with other stakeholders.

All evidence gathered for the review will help the Inspector-General assess what has improved in the aged care system, what has not, and what more needs to be done.

The review is an important part of the Inspector-General's role in providing independent oversight of the aged care system.

The review must be completed and given to the Minister for Aged Care and Seniors by 1 November 2027. It will be published following its tabling in Parliament.

For more information on the review, including how to make a submission, visit igac.gov.au/review

Background

Sections 28 and 29 of the *Inspector-General of Aged Care Act 2023* require the Inspector-General to conduct 2 progress reports and 2 reviews of the Commonwealth's implementation of the recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission.

The progress reports were completed in June 2024 and June 2025. Since the 2025 Progress Report, the new *Aged Care Act 2024* has taken effect and there have been significant and ongoing reforms of the aged care sector.

This first review must be completed by 1 November 2027. The second review must be completed by 1 March 2031.

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