



## Aged Care – more Home Care Packages

Older Australians will be supported to live at home for longer with the funding of substantially more Home Care Packages (HCPs) in this Budget. This is part of the Government's commitment to support older Australians to live in their own homes, reducing wait times for packages and connecting older Australians to essential care sooner. This Budget provides \$1.6 billion for an additional 23,000 packages.

This builds on the \$325.7 million investment for 6,105 packages, announced by the Prime Minister on 8 July 2020.

The Government has now invested an additional \$4.6 billion in 73,105 packages since the 2018–19 Budget. The Government has increased packages from 60,308 at 30 June 2013 to 155,625 at 30 June 2020 and an estimated 185,597 at 30 June 2021.

This significant boost to Home Care Packages helps pave the way for future reform and provides a solid foundation to build upon once the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety are handed down next year.

### Why is this important?

We know that many older Australians want to remain in the homes and communities they have built their lives around for as long as possible – and the Government is committed to supporting this. With the release of more HCPs, older Australians will be connected to essential care sooner.

Boosting the number of HCPs helps older Australians access the care they need, when they need it at home.

### Who will benefit?

This measure will benefit older Australians who will be connected more quickly with care. This measure means people who are seeking home care can stay in the communities they have built their lives around.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$1.6 billion from 2020–21.