

Aged Care to Australian Law Reform Commission

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On Aged Care

HSV responses to [Australian Law Reform Commission] Discussion Paper 57:

- Support for the recommendations of the recently published report on care of the aged in nursing homes by Professor Gregory of the ANU.
- That consultation be made with the aged through their organisations and agencies of local government.
- The new legislation to include charters of rights and expectations of outcomes.
- Community visitors scheme and advocacy services to be regulated on a national basis.
- Privacy of personal information to be protected in law and to be a condition of funding.
- Service providers to be subject to better accreditation and accountability than is required at present.
- The new legislation to be uniform Federally, to be written in plain English, and contain a "sunset clause" or provisions for review.
- The need for education of the community and of the aged on the rights and the autonomy to choose options to live and die with dignity.
