



Media Release

AIR JOINS THE NEW CHSP ALLIANCE

The Australian Independent Retirees (AIR) has joined the recently formed Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) Alliance as a foundation member. The Alliance is group of organisations and individuals who are advocating for the continuation, expansion and sustainability of CHSP as the primary tier of the aged care system.

AIR Chief Advocate Wayne Strandquist said “the CHSP Alliance is advocating as a priority for CHSP to remain a separate distinct program and not be merged into the Support at Home program”.

“The Alliance then wants to work with the government to revamp the CHSP program so it is fit for purpose for the next 20 years”, Wayne Strandquist said.

“The principal goal of the CHSP Alliance is the maintenance, funding and further development of CHSP as the primary preventative and early intervention tier of the Aged Care System”. Mr Strandquist explained.

Mr Strandquist continued by saying that, “As a primary care tier, CHSP should be person-centred, accessible, affordable, and often function as the first point of contact for aged care”.

“An additional goal of the Alliance is the recognition of CHSP as also a secondary tier of aged care, so that older people have a choice between CHSP and Support at Home”, Mr Strandquist elaborated.

“The Alliance is also looking for better integration of CHSP and primary health care and a new funding model that separately funds the fixed and variable costs of delivering CHSP aged care in the community”, Mr Strandquist concluded.

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