



17 October 2019

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Via email: Senator.Colbeck@aph.gov.au


Dear Minister,

Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising Use of Restraints) Principles 2019 [F2019L00511]

Thank you for your response of 26 September 2019 to the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, in relation to the above legislative instrument.

The committee considered your response at its private meeting on 16 October 2019. Whilst noting your advice, the committee retains strong concerns that the above instrument raises significant scrutiny issues that should be brought to the attention of the Senate.

The committee's concerns are detailed in Chapter 1 of its *Delegated Legislation Monitor 7 of 2019*, available on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/regords_monitor.

The committee has also resolved not to withdraw the notice of motion to disallow the instrument previously placed by the committee, to emphasise its scrutiny concerns and give the Senate additional time to consider these matters.

Finally, the committee has resolved to seek a meeting with you, or senior officials of your department, to receive a briefing on the relevant issues and ask questions relating to its scrutiny concerns. In this regard, I request that your office please liaise with the committee secretariat to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet in the week beginning 11 November 2019.

In the interests of transparency, I note that this correspondence will be published on the committee's website and recorded in the *Delegated Legislation Monitor*.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the committee's secretariat on (02) 6277 3066, or by email at regords.sen@aph.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,


Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances