



10 November 2021

The Senior Clerk,
Senate Committee on Community Affairs,
Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

By email: seniorclerk.committees.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Sir

Re: Aged care and other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response no 2) Bill 2021: 9th Schedule.

Re: Submission by Rodney Lewis, Senior Solicitor, Elder Law Legal Services, Sydney, dated 8/11/2021.

Aged Care Reform Now, is an independent, not for profit, community organisation that advocates for the rights of aged care recipients in all States and Territories, across Australia.

We have received the attached submission by Mr Lewis regarding the Aged Care and other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No 2) Bill 2021, 9th Schedule and we support Mr Lewis's submission.

We have made submissions to the Australian Government Health Department with respect to restrictive practices and we are concerned on the impact the proposed Schedule 9 will have on residents and families. We receive many complaints regarding the quality of care received by residents with high care level needs, and we are aware of the challenges faced by providers to services these residents.

We are concerned on how consent will be granted, to whom it will be granted, if it will be executed in accordance with a care plan, and if these procedures are not followed that immunity from civil and criminal liability will apply, causing injustice and unanswered questions for the family of a victim.

We support Mr Lewis submission and the rejection of the Bill by the Parliament.

Yours Faithfully

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