



CHRISTIANS for an ETHICAL SOCIETY

Working Group of the NSW Ecumenical Council
Associate Member of the ACT Council of Churches

President - Rev Gregor Henderson

The Hon. Justine Elliot, MP,
Minister for Ageing,
P.O. Box 6022,
House of Representatives,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the members of Christians for an Ethical Society, I request the Federal Government to adequately fund aged care so the following can be achieved:

- The right balance of skills and nursing hours to ensure that nursing and care staff can provide quality care for every resident;
- Fair pay for aged-care nurses and staff who are paid up to \$300 per week less than nurses in other sectors;
- Recognition of the professional skills of Assistants in Nursing and care staff through a national licensing system;
- A guarantee that taxpayer-funding is used for nursing and personal care for each resident.

We also wish to give our full support to the Australian Nursing Federation's campaign "Because We Care" to obtain a just wage and fair working conditions for all those employed in this sector so as to ensure that the elderly receive the quality of care they deserve.

Yours faithfully,

H. McLaren
Chair,
Christians for an Ethical Society

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