



Media Release

Palliative Care Queensland welcomes findings of Inquiry into Aged Care, End-of-Life and Palliative Care



Palliative Care Queensland has welcomed the findings of the Inquiry into Aged Care, End-of-Life and Palliative Care tabled by the Queensland Government Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee.

The Inquiry has made 77 recommendations to improve the care Queenslanders experiencing loss, ageing, dying and grief require. Palliative care systems and services play a key role, which help to provide care for those approaching the end of life and reduce periods of stress and grief for loved ones.

The report acknowledged the “exceptional work being done by Palliative Care Queensland and others to promote and normalise discussions about death and dying. It appreciates the initiatives already in place to increase death literacy and the importance of the compassionate communities’ response in supporting the dying.”

Palliative Care Queensland President John Haberecht said he welcomed the Inquiry’s findings and offered to support Queensland Government and their associated agencies to enact the recommendations.

“Palliative Care Queensland is ready and waiting to work with Queensland Government, their associated health authorities and wider stakeholders to address and enact the recommendations outlined in the report,” said Mr Haberecht.

“Over the last decade, we have seen numerous recommendations put forth from State and Federal inquiries, yet little has changed. The latest Inquiry must not become another missed opportunity, and all stakeholders must collaborate and put in place strategies to address each of the recommendations. If we do not, we are doing a disservice to the members of our community who will require access to excellent palliative care in the months and years ahead.”

“Palliative care is a recognised human right, which provides a holistic approach to improving the quality of life for terminally-ill people at all stages of life - from in utero to geriatric - that should be available from the day of diagnosis until death and beyond to bereavement support for loved ones. The report today acknowledged this.

“However, we believe that much more can and should be done to fund the sector. Palliative Care Queensland would encourage the State and Federal Government to work together to actively address the shortfall between funding and need as their future budget positions allow,” said Mr Haberecht.

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‘Report No. 33, 56th Parliament - Aged care, end-of-life and palliative care’. Published online [here](#).

About Palliative Care Queensland

Palliative Care Queensland is a charity and independent peak body representing palliative care providers, consumers and their families and those with an interest in palliative care in Queensland. Palliative Care Queensland was established in 1988 and is a membership-based organisation, supporting the individuals, families, carers, community members, as well as specialist and generalist health care professionals working within the end-of-life sector. Palliative Care Queensland is a member organisation of Palliative Care Australia.

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