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# Aged care in crisis

**Australia's aged care sector is in crisis and the solution must start with more government funding in the 2012 Federal Budget.**

## The problem

Already there is a critical shortage of aged care nurses with 22,000 more needed right now. Demand is soaring due to Australia's ageing population but the aged care sector is desperately under-staffed and under-funded. The massive shortage of aged care nurses is no surprise, considering these nurses are severely underpaid compared to nurses working in public hospitals. Today aged care nurses are paid on average \$168 per week less than public hospital nurses – and this wages gap has doubled since 2002.

## The solution

The 2012 Federal Budget must include a significant boost to aged care funding. Increased funding is urgently needed to ensure older Australians continue to receive quality aged care. Quality care requires a minimum number of qualified nurses to residents on each shift in aged care facilities. Additional funding should be accountable so that it delivers real improvements to care and staffing.

## Tony Windsor, we need your help now. Stand up for aged care funding in Budget 2012.

Nurses and assistants in nursing working in aged care and public hospitals throughout the New England electorate have joined together to seek Tony Windsor's support.

By supporting aged care in Budget 2012, Tony Windsor can make a real difference to thousands of older Australians living in New England.

Nurses, assistants in nursing, aged care residents and their families are asking Tony Windsor to obtain a significant increase to funding in Budget 2012.

Increased funding will help ensure quality care for older Australians as demand for aged care increases.

More funding can also guarantee a minimum number of nurses to residents on every shift.

**Please Tony Windsor, nurses, assistant in nursing and older Australians need your help now to make Budget 2012 the Aged Care Budget.**



*'Please support us Mr Windsor'*

**'Please help us achieve aged care reform and an increase to aged care funding. This will deliver benefits to so many local people you represent, older Australians, their families and dedicated Nurses and AiNs throughout your electorate.'** — Irene Neyle, Enrolled Nurse, Werris Creek.



# Community meeting with Tony Windsor

All welcome. Wednesday 7 March. 6.30 pm for 7 pm start.  
Supper provided. Tamworth Community Centre, Darling St.

Tamworth nurses and assistants in nursing invite you to this important community meeting. We will discuss the aged care crisis, and present a petition to Tony Windsor MP.

## Speakers include:

**Tony Windsor**, MP Member for New England,  
**Yvonne Chaperon**, Assistant Federal Secretary ANF,  
**Jan Howard**, Registered Nurse, aged care,  
**Roz Norman**, Enrolled Nurse, public hospital, and  
**Maryann Krug**, wife of a nursing home resident.

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