

Dear editor,

We are writing to support the Australian Nursing Federation's new national campaign - Because We Care.

We know that nurses working in aged care are dedicated professionals who do an outstanding job and are committed to giving the best care to older Australians. However, we are deeply concerned about the future of aged care in Australia.

It is clear to us that dedication and perseverance alone cannot answer the full range of needs to be found in an aged care nursing home. Time and timeliness - or, to put it another way - more adequate staff numbers - are an absolute necessity for quality care.

As a community, we all have a responsibility to make sure people living in nursing homes get the best possible care. That is why it is important that we ensure the Federal Government provides better and accountable funding for aged care so that the money is guaranteed to go to care.

Aged care nursing should be valued and respected. More money to go towards care for older Australians is in everyone's best interest.

Yours sincerely,

Residents and relatives of Thomas Hogan Nursing Home
(17 signatories)