

POSITION PAPER – Aged Care Community Transport

Realising wellness and reablement of ageing Australians: the enabling role of community transport and ongoing need for block funding

Australian Community Transport Association (ACTA) is the national peak body for the community transport sector.

The Association was formed in January 2011 and comprises representatives from across Australia to provide a national voice for community transport.

Current and future Aged Care reform presents community transport in Australia with a range of challenges. These reforms, some of which have been in place since February 2017, are moving toward a more consumer-driven system of aged care provision, similar to that of the NDIS.

For the time being, a range of services continue to be block funded under the long-standing provisions of the CHSP; transport is one of those services.

ACTA has assessed that the proposed changes to the aged care transport funding model would risk the sustainability of the sector.

ACTA's Position Paper enclosed aims to clearly identify the real-life risks associated with the removal of block funding. It identifies that a change to the current funding model would create significant risk in that consumers of community transport nationwide would lose this much relied upon service and place substantial pressure on the aged care system and state and territory infrastructure, ultimately reducing the consumers' ability to connect with health services and social activities.

Further information about ACTA can be found at www.australiancommunitytransport.org.au

Yours sincerely



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