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## **UnitingCare Australia Welcomes Greens Move To Disallow Aged Care Funding Cuts**

UnitingCare Australia has welcomed a motion of disallowance moved by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert in the Federal Parliament yesterday to disallow legislation that will inflict severe cuts to aged care funding.

“Senator Siewert and The Greens have recognised the harm that these funding cuts will inflict on elderly people in care and we congratulate them on taking this stand on the floor of the Parliament,” Chair of the UnitingCare Aged Care Network, Steve Teulan, said.

“The Government has made it clear that it is still seeking to cut more than \$2 billion from aged care services. We have called for the cuts to be put on hold while an Independent review of funding, including an assessment of the cost of aged care services, is carried out.

“We recognise the Government’s need to manage the growth of expenditure on aged care, but any sustainable funding model must consider the care needs of growing numbers of older people requiring residential aged care, and the growing proportion of those entering care with high needs.

“We support the Greens in calling on the Turnbull Government to re-think how aged care will be impacted by its budget repair strategy and work collaboratively with the sector on a full review of funding arrangements,” Steve Teulan said.

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