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Dying well – tell us what you think

Palliative Care Australia welcomes the release of the phase 1 report of the update of the National Palliative Care Strategy and looks forward to a robust engagement process that seeks views from across the health sector and importantly, from consumers.

The National Palliative Care Strategy represents the combined commitments of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, palliative care service providers and community-based organisations to develop and implement palliative care policies, strategies and services that are consistent across Australia.

Palliative Care Australia's aspiration is for an updated strategy that articulates the vertical and horizontal integration of specialist palliative care and end-of-life care, across all care settings.

We welcome the identification of the following areas for the strategy: governance; workforce; information management; definitions and data sets; and new models and innovation. Importantly, the new models and innovations must look at ways of delivering quality care across and between all care settings, making choice for where people wish to spend the end of their lives a reality for all.

It is our hope the strategy will give voice to achieving quality care at the end of life, in partnership with the health reform agenda.

'Now is the time for considerable investment in consultation and discussion about dying well in Australia,' said Donna Daniell, Chief Executive Officer of Palliative Care Australia.

Palliative Care Australia encourages broad participation in this process which will involve further direct consultation, an online consultation survey tool and a series of workshops around Australia. Interested parties can register at the Communio Group website at <http://npcsu.comuniogroup.com>.

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PCA is the peak national organisation representing the interests and aspirations of all
who share the ideal of quality care at the end of life

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