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# Care at the grassroots

Following the COAG announcement of health and hospital funding reform, Anglicare Australia has written to the relevant Ministers seeking to contribute to the implementation plan for the welcome new investment in community and sub acute care, and drawing attention to the National Compact.

“The National Compact is an agreement between the Government and the Third Sector to work together on a shared vision” Anglicare Executive Director Kasy Chambers said today.

“Anglicare Australia, is a signatory to that Compact. Consequently, we have written today to the Prime Minister, and the other Ministers, seeking to ensure that the Sector and Government work openly together in designing and delivering these extra community based services.”

“From youth mental health to community care for the aged, Australians need easier access to flexible and effective services. This COAG agreement provides an opportunity for us to do a lot of these things differently.”

“Community Sector organisations large and small have the potential to make an important new contribution to the well being of people right across the country. But that won’t happen unless the Sector is a partner in devising the delivery of this new vision.”

“We understand that there are many details to be worked out. In the context of the Compact between the Government and the Third Sector, we look forward to being a real part of that process” Ms Chambers said.

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