

Division 2—Objects

2-1 The objects of this Act

- (1) The objects of this Act are as follows:
- (a) to provide for funding of *aged care that takes account of:
 - (i) the quality of the care; and
 - (ii) the *type of care and level of care provided; and
 - (iii) the need to ensure access to care that is affordable by, and appropriate to the needs of, people who require it; and
 - (iv) appropriate outcomes for recipients of the care; and
 - (v) accountability of the providers of the care for the funding and for the outcomes for recipients;
 - (b) to promote a high quality of care and accommodation for the recipients of *aged care services that meets the needs of individuals;
 - (c) to protect the health and well-being of the recipients of aged care services;
 - (d) to ensure that aged care services are targeted towards the people with the greatest needs for those services;
 - (e) to facilitate access to aged care services by those who need them, regardless of race, culture, language, gender, economic circumstance or geographic location;
 - (f) to provide respite for families, and others, who care for older people;
 - (g) to encourage diverse, flexible and responsive aged care services that:
 - (i) are appropriate to meet the needs of the recipients of those services and the carers of those recipients; and
 - (ii) facilitate the independence of, and choice available to, those recipients and carers;
 - (h) to help those recipients to enjoy the same rights as all other people in Australia;
 - (i) to plan effectively for the delivery of aged care services that:
 - (i) promote the targeting of services to areas of the greatest need and people with the greatest need; and

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- (ii) avoid duplication of those services; and
 - (iii) improve the integration of the planning and delivery of aged care services with the planning and delivery of related health and community services;
 - (j) to promote ageing in place through the linking of care and support services to the places where older people prefer to live.
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- (2) In construing the objects, due regard must be had to:
- (a) the limited resources available to support services and programs under this Act; and
 - (b) the need to consider equity and merit in accessing those resources.

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