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**LABOR TO LEGISLATE FOR AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF AGED CARE
FUNDING**

Labor has given notice that we will introduce a private member's bill to submit the Turnbull Liberal Government's more than \$2 billion aged care funding cuts to an independent legislative review.

The Bill will amend the review arrangements in the Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Act 2013 to include a full review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) and care needs of older Australians.

Before the election, Labor argued that aged care funding needed to be predictable and that an unexpected Budget blowout would be unsustainable for providers and for government.

The Turnbull Liberal Government then accused aged care providers of rorting and gaming the system.

Instead of providing evidence of these claims Minister Ley has cut funding to older Australians with complex health needs, including dementia while hiding the modelling.

It is time for Minister Ley to put the care of older Australian's first and back Labor's move for a full independent review into aged care funding.

Without funding transparency and certainty the aged care sector simply can't deliver for our rapidly growing ageing population.

The impact on some providers as a result of delayed and unclear [advice](#) on capital refurbishment fees is yet another example of the damage the Turnbull Liberal Government's mismanagement is doing to the sector.

Labor delivered one of the biggest reforms to aged care and ageing in a generation, however the Government's neglect is now threatening the future of these reforms and the care of older Australians.

Minister Ley [stated](#) in May 2016 that she is "concerned the current ACFI model is too complex and not always clear about what can be claimed".

A recent [judgment](#) of the Full Federal Court found ACFI documents are "riddled with ambiguous, uncertain and inconsistent language" and that they should be reviewed.

The aged care [sector](#) has said that a review of ACFI, in the context of growing demand for aged care services, is long overdue.

When Labor, the Federal Court, the aged care sector and even the Minister agree that it is time for a review, the answer could not be clearer.

The review, if supported, must be undertaken and provided to the Minister by 31 July 2017.