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AGED CARE EMPLOYEE DAY

Today is a great day to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by Australia's hundreds of thousands of volunteers, carers, nurses, allied health professionals, cleaners, administrative staff and the many others who work in aged care.

I am immensely proud of our aged care workforce and your commitment to care for and enrich the lives of others.

The Australian Government and the aged care industry are partners in a national effort to ensure our aged care system delivers quality and safe care for all senior Australians.

While the Royal Commission is challenging, it is also an important opportunity to deliver the reforms that will improve care and confidence in the sector for the next decade and beyond.

As aged care employees, you are the heart and soul of our nation's efforts to ensure that our parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones are able to age with dignity, care and respect.

I've been extremely impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the many aged care employees I've had the opportunity to meet so far.

I look forward to hearing more of your stories and listening to the great ideas you have about how we can make Australian aged care even better.

I thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of so many.

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