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CHSP Alliance Celebrates Win on CHSP

The CHSP Alliance is delighted that the Government has announced its intention to retain the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) separate from the Support at Home (SaH) Program.

Professor Kathy Eagar AM, Alliance Co-Convenor said, "The Alliance has advocated strongly for CHSP, arguing that it should form the basis of a primary care tier to the aged care system."

CHSP has been found by the Auditor-General to be overall a successful program, meeting its objectives for the majority of the 838,000 older people using it and for 1,350 CHSP providers.

The Senate Community Affairs References Committee unanimously recommended that CHSP should not be merged into Support at Home.

Paul Sadler, Alliance Co-Convenor and Chair of Meals on Wheels Australia, said, "The Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, said today that the Government has accepted our argument that CHSP is too important to be merged into SaH. The Government will extend current CHSP contracts for a further two years while it undertakes consultation on potential changes and development of the program beyond 2029."

"The CHSP Alliance stands ready to work with the Government to co-design the renewed CHSP for the future."

CHSP Alliance

The CHSP Alliance was established by 40 Foundation Member organisations and individuals representing consumers, unions, health professionals, home support providers and researchers and now has more than 200 members. More information about the Alliance, including our position statements, is available at <https://chspalliance.org.au>.

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