



**Name:** Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod

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## Participant background

1. For the purposes of this consultation, which of the following best describes you:

I am an industry or advocacy organisation, professional association or peak body

2. Which of the following care sectors will your feedback relate to? Please select all that apply.

Aged care; Disability

3. What kind of care supports, services and programs do you have experience with, and in what jurisdictions?

The participant did not respond to this question.

## 1. Reform of quality and safety regulation to support a more cohesive care economy

1. To what extent do differences in quality and safety regulation make it costly or complex to provide or access care services?

Somewhat

2. What are the reasons for your answer?

Differences in quality and safety regulation across the aged care and disability/NDIS sector make it both more costly and more complex primarily due to increased training of staff in differing requirements and increased workload in internal requirements to meet quality and safety regulation such as for different auditing and accreditation requirements. This also impacts on safety for service users. For example, there are different requirements for restrictive practices in aged care compared to disability/NDIS service systems, with the disability/NDIS service system providing a higher level of safeguards for these service users compared to aged care service users.

3. To what extent should quality and safety regulations be more aligned across the different care service sectors and jurisdictions?

Somewhat

4. What are the reasons for your answer?

Best practice should be established as a baseline in quality and safety regulations for all service systems in care and support. Differentiation of quality and safety requirements due to 'false' distinctions of separation due to differing government portfolios creates an invalid system of consistency in safeguards across the human lifespan.

## 2. Embed collaborative commissioning to increase the integration of care services

### 1. What is your experience with collaborative commissioning

The participant did not respond to this question.

### 2. What are the benefits of pursuing greater collaborative commissioning?

The participant did not respond to this question.

### 3. What are the barriers to collaborative commissioning, and do you have any suggestions for solutions that would lead to better collaboration in the commissioning of care services?

The participant did not respond to this question.

## 3. A national framework to support government investment in prevention

### 1. What are the main barriers to governments investing in evidence-based prevention programs across the care economy?

The participant did not respond to this question.

### 2. What are some examples of successful prevention programs (this could include discontinued programs)?

The participant did not respond to this question.

### 3. How can governments better support investment in prevention activities that have broad and long-term benefits for the Australian community?

The participant did not respond to this question.