

ELDER LAW IN CONTEXT



AN AGEING POPULATION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has reported that in 2019 almost 16% of Australia's population, that's almost 4 million Australians, were over the age of 65 and by 2037 that is expected to increase to 20%.



IMPORTANCE OF AGED CARE

In the 2017/18 financial year, >1.3 million older Australians received some form of aged care:

- 7% accessed residential aged care
- 22% accessed support or care at home
- 71% lived at home without accessing government-subsidised aged care services.



THE COST OF AGED CARE

Australian Government expenditure for aged care totalled \$18.1 billion in 2017-18.

Currently, the basic daily care fee is \$52.25 per day.



WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

The World Health Organisation defines elder abuse as a 'single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.'



ELDER ABUSE – THE STATS

NSW Ageing and Disability Commission found that children were the perpetrators of abuse in more than 15% of cases. The most common purported types of abuse were psychological at 25.9%, with financial, neglect and physical abuse all sitting at around 20% each.