

Australian Association of Community, Aged Care and Disability Workers

Response in reply to the Commonwealth's written submissions

RE: Applications to vary modern awards – work value – Aged Care Award 2010 – Nurses Award 2020 – Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award

The AACAD acknowledges the work and dedication of the Aged care sector workers, noting in particular their dedication and sacrifice during this Covid pandemic. We further note that aged care workers have been first to stand up to help the less fortunate in our aged care system, often working long hours, in hazardous conditions for low wages.

The AACAD welcomes to commonwealth response and concurs with that response.

There is clear evidence that workers in the aged care sector are undervalued and underpaid. It is time that their work value was represented truly and fairly in the awards under which they work.

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