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TO THOSE IT CONCERNS

In regards to the Financial Transparency Bill.

It is imperative that;

1. Age Care Providers are made to reveal all money given as political donations.
2. Stop the use of tax avoidance or aggressive tax minimization strategies.
3. To be held accountable for the delivery of service and probity mechanisms for the expenditure of Government funding.
4. Financial transparency from Age Care Providers is a concern that affects every tax paying Australian and is open to public scrutiny.
5. Providers are stopped from hood winking the Australian Government. Since the government privatized Aged Care roting is rife. Providers oil the pockets of politicians through donations to the various political parties.
6. Appropriate governance is applied to the needs and care of the Aged. When do accountants have the knowledge of the care and needs of Age Care Recipients? Yet time and time again we see providers seeking the advice taken from these non-medical services rather than organizations such as the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Union. It is blatantly obvious that shareholders are more important than the vulnerable in Aged Care.

The aged in care have suffered intolerably through the lack of conscionable regard by providers in preference to the oiling of the pockets of shareholders and their own pockets while hiding these profits in overseas accounts.

If there was no money to be made in Aged Care why are we seeing these providers building and investing in more and more infrastructure?

If the issue of the lack of financial transparency is a myth, why has there been so much interest, study and evidence from media & research and likewise groups?

Why do we see a disgraced CEO who publicly admitted on national TV that he bribed a family member of a resident while in his care, still holding office while heading a government financial advisory committee?

Why do we see the same people go from one age care lobby group to another and / or government bodies and see little or no improvements? Is this another rort between the Aged Care Providers and the Government? How many government officials have shares in Aged Care homes?

This Financial Transparency Bill is long over due and should be applauded, as money from the hard earned tax payer is not for the profiteering of Age Care Providers, especially non Australian providers, but for the proper care of the Australian elderly.

Yours sincerely
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