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Canberra ACT 2600

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CC: Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt  
Minister for Seniors and Aged Care, the Hon Richard Colbeck  
Minister for Australian Government Services, the Hon Stuart Robert  
Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon Darren Chester

Dear Treasurer

I am writing to outline Mable's 2020-21 pre-budget submission and areas which we believe on behalf of older Australians require urgent attention by the Federal Coalition Government.

We welcome the Morrison Government's recent funding announcement and ongoing commitment to aged care and the Royal Commission. However, waiting until the Royal Commission delivers its final report could easily delay action and there are several urgent issues that can be addressed without prejudging the Commission's findings.

We note there is urgent pressure on the Government to release more home care packages into the system. Mable have proposed a solution that would see more people currently on the queue receive more choice and better value from their Commonwealth Home Support Programme funding which would also take pressure off the current queue.

Older Australians want to remain independent and living at home for as long as possible with choice and control. As a proven innovative e-marketplace that is already being used by thousands of NDIS participants and home care recipients across the nation, we are well placed to support new thinking in aged care that can deliver better outcomes and better value for money.

We believe the 2020-21 Federal Budget needs to focus on the following areas.

- New model to support people ageing in place in regional, rural and remote Australia;
- Consumer focussed information and awareness campaign to address the challenges of ageing well at home and open up opportunities for self-management;

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- Unlock a portion of funding from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme to trial a new self-management approach which would offer consumers choice and value for money; and
- Fund from within existing home care packages – independent fee for service advice to assist people to be more informed to exercise choice and control. Informed consumers will lead to better outcomes and value from home care packages.

We are keen to work with the Morrison Government to help ordinary older Australians live at home longer, and we would be happy to discuss any aspect of our submission in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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CEO Mable



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Dear Treasurer,

I am writing to outline Mable's 2021-22 pre-budget submission and areas which we believe on behalf of older Australian's require urgent attention by the Federal Government.

We welcome the Morrison Government's recent funding announcements and ongoing commitment to aged care.

We note there have been significant releases of home care packages, with plans to release more and Mable have proposed a solution that would see more people able to access specific services immediately, despite provider resource challenges. Our recommendation also enables more choice and better value from Commonwealth Home Support Programme funding which would also take pressure off the current queue. The more efficient use of Government funding via Mable also creates jobs in communities around Australia.

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that can deliver better outcomes and better value for money.

We believe the 2021-22 Federal Budget needs to focus on the following areas:

- New model to support people ageing in place in regional, rural and remote Australia;
- Consumer focussed information and awareness campaign to address the challenges of ageing well at home and open up opportunities for self-management of home care packages;
- Unlock a portion of funding from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme to trial a new self-management approach which would offer consumers choice and value for money; and
- Streamlining new Home Care Package releases to enable consumers to access the Mable platform to ensure expeditious social support and domestic assistance for consumers who have been on the waiting lists for a significant period of time and where providers do not have capacity to service the demand.

We are keen to work with the Federal Government to help ordinary older Australians live at home longer, and we would be happy to discuss any aspect of our submission in more detail with you or your Office.

Yours sincerely

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Royal Commissions	Regional communications	Veterans' Affairs	Job services and programs	Vocational education and skills	Aged care	Senior Australians
Industry, Innovation and Science - Industry, Innovation and Science - Industry and innovation	Industry, Innovation and Science - Industry, Innovation and Science - Technology	Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development - Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities - Regional development	Prime Minister and Cabinet - PM&C - Indigenous affairs	Social Services - Social Services - Disability services	Other - Other	
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Vocational education apprenticeships and skills	Aged care	Senior Australians	Industry and innovation	Technology	Disability services	No