

TO THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT FOR 10MINUTES TO 1 HOUR IN WET OR SOILED UNDERPANTS?

WOULD YOU LIKE THE SAME MEAL DAY IN DAY OUT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT AND STARE OUT THE WINDOW OR LAY ON YOUR BED OR SIT IN A CHAIR AND STARE INTO SPACE FOR HOURS ON END?

WOULD YOU LIKE NOT TO HAVE YOUR TEETH CLEANED OR TO BE SHOWERED EVERYDAY?

WOULD YOU FEEL OK ABOUT NOT GETTING TO SEE A DOCTOR/DENTIST AS REGULARLY AS OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY?

WOULD YOU FEEL OK IF SOMEONE YOU DIDN'T LIKE WAS LOOKING AFTER YOU?

IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEN YOU CAN MAYBE UNDERSTAND HOW VULNERABLE AND POWERLESS OUR AGED FOLK IN NURSING HOMES FEEL. WE WILL ALL GET OLD, AND THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU EVEN IN THE BEST OF PLACES. I HOPE IT DOESN'T, I HOPE YOU WILL DO SOMETHING NOW SO THAT NO-ONE ELSE NEEDS TO LIVE THE LAST OF THEIR DAYS IN

SADNESS. **MINIMUM CARE HOURS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR**

THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY CARE. AT PRESENT THERE ARE NEVER ENOUGH AIN'S, WORKING AT ANY ONE TIME TO COMPLETE THE WORKLOAD ADEQUATELY. *BELIEVE IT!!* THE RESIDENTS SUFFER AND THE NURSES ARE BURNED OUT OR STRESSED OUT BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY CANNOT DO A PROPER JOB. SOON THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH AGED CARE NURSES TO LOOK AFTER THE AGED.

STAFFING LEVELS ARE INTEGRAL TO IMPROVING

CARE FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS. GOVERNMENT NEED TO SPEND MORE – IF YOU WORK IN GOVERNMENT OR EVEN IF YOU DON'T – YOU WILL WISH THEY HAD SPENT MORE MONEY WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO BE LOOKED AFTER. COME ON 0.8% OF GDP IS A DISGRACE!!!!!!