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Dear Mr Tune

Thank you for your email dated 16 August 2022 regarding 'Towards an Aged Care Pricing Framework' Consultation Paper.

The McGowan Government is committed to addressing the needs of older Western Australians to ensure that older people in our State have the opportunity to age safely and well.

I note the expertise the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority has with public hospital services, which will be a solid basis for its expanded role in aged care. I have read the Consultation Paper with interest and see the potential to further deliver the person-centred, quality care expected by all Australians, and improving the safety, efficiency and sustainability of the aged care system.

The Western Australian Department of Health is the lead agency for the State in responding to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

I understand that you have also written to the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Health, as the appropriate Minister to contact regarding this matter.

Thank you for writing to me and I look forward to hearing the results of the public consultation.

Yours sincerely

**HON DON PUNCH MLA
MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES; SMALL BUSINESS; FISHERIES;
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