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Dear Mr Hartland and Mr Morgan

During the Reforming In-Home Aged Care - Update on the 7th December mention was made that the GEAT proposal was likely to be released prior to the Christmas break. There was some question as to whether the Home Modifications proposal would be released at the same time. As you would be aware, there is significant interest in these proposals, and consumers and organisations are looking forward to learning more, discussing proposals, and contributing to their final development and implementation.

However, it would not be appropriate if individuals affected, organisations, and experts were not given sufficient time to consider, reflect and comment on the proposals. As you are aware from consultations to date, adequate time frames are required to ensure that all views are considered and reported back to you and your team. These proposals, as discussed so far, are a significant change, development and improvement of the supports to help people remain independent, living in their own homes and being active participants in their community.

To this end, and given the coming festive season disruptions, we seek your agreement to establish a "close of comments" on the proposals to at least mid February, and potentially the end of February 2023. This will enable quality review of the proposals and commentary that will improve outcomes.

I take this opportunity to thank you and the Department for addressing many of the recommendations by the Royal Commission. I also look forward to learning more how in-home care will be developed to meet greater levels intensity required to support people with more complex care needs.

We hope that you will take into consideration our comments.

Yours

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