

CHEAT SHEET FOR TACKLING THE AGED CARE BED BLOCK ISSUE



Make the problem visible & unavoidable: use 'patient awaiting aged care bed' a standalone metric



Use interim solutions: step-down units & short-term community supports can relieve acute pressure



Drive local integration: fast-track aged assessments & secure priority access agreements with providers



Be a steward, not a discharge planner: align incentives & resources across health, aged & community



Balance crisis & reform: fix today's blockages, while pushing for long-term aged care and funding reform.



Reframe the narrative to: "frail patients deteriorating in corridors" & "taxpayer \$ wasted on wrong care"