

# Principles for Inclusion in an Agreement Relating to Aged Care Licences between Country Health SA Inc and local incorporated Health Advisory Councils\*

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## **Preamble**

- Following the passage of the Health Care Bill 2007, the Commonwealth will require that CHSA Hospital Inc be the “approved provider”
- There is no intention to change the sites or scope of aged care services in the new arrangements
- The intention is to ensure that current aged care services are continued to be provided in the local communities in which they currently sit

## **The Commonwealth requirements are that:**

- Each bed licence is for use at a particular site
- Interest and bond retention amounts must be used for the purposes outlined in the Commonwealth arrangements at that particular site
- Aged care beds cannot be moved or transferred without prior approval of the Commonwealth

## **In implementing the new arrangements under the Health Care Bill, and subject to Commonwealth requirements, it is agreed:**

- Fundraising, gifts and trusts provided for the purpose of an aged care service must be used for that purpose.
- All retained bond money must be used for maintenance and improvement of the facility for which the bond money was paid.
- All interest resulting from the investment of bond money must be used for the facility for which the bond money was originally paid.
- Surpluses must be used for the benefit of the facility for which the aged care licence is located.
- Local communities will continue to interact with the local service provider/facility (i.e. pay bonds locally).
- Local HACs & CHSA must agree re refurbishing, rebuilding, improvements and/or maintenance of aged care facilities.
- HACs and CHSA must keep each other informed in relation to needs.
- Staffing of aged care facilities will be maintained at a level that is at a minimum in line with Commonwealth requirements.
- The local HAC will make the premises used for these aged care services available to CHSA to allow the service to continue to be provided at that site.

\* *These principles were developed for the Minister for Health’s Focus Group (a group of Chair of local Country Boards) in late 2007 as part of the consultation process on the Health Care Bill then before Parliament.*