



Design Guidelines for

Queensland Residential Aged Care Facilities

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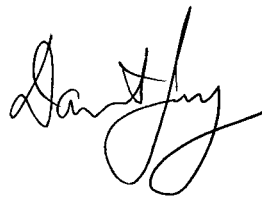
Aged Care is undergoing a period of major reform throughout Australia. Our population is ageing rapidly and there is an ongoing need to examine the implications of the ageing population especially in the residential aged care sector.

The Commonwealth's 1997 Aged Care Structural Reform Package introduced significant reforms to residential aged care policy. The reforms are aimed at promoting a high quality of care and accommodation for aged care residents.

Queensland Health has 20 residential aged care facilities across 14 health service districts. It was recognised that many of the Queensland Health aged care facilities would need to be upgraded to continue to deliver high quality care that considered resident's privacy and dignity while protecting their health and well being.

The development of the Building Guidelines for Queensland Residential Aged Care Facilities will assist Queensland Health in providing accommodation that enables aged persons to maintain a routine and lifestyle as close as is practicable to that of the general community. The guidelines are a benchmark to give structure and parameters to the design, design development and asset management of the facilities. Input from residents, carers and consultants will still be required in the planning of new facilities appropriate to Queensland conditions and needs.

These building guidelines will set the framework for ordered and responsive action in delivering the accommodation needs of Queensland's residential aged care services into the next century, and will ensure consistency when Residential Aged Care Facilities are developed.



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