



Call for health shake-up to include aged care

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Aged Care Queensland CEO Anton Kardash says the sector is in crisis and needs to be included in the Federal Government's public health overhaul.

Mr Kardash has backed Queensland Health Minister Paul Lucas's call for the Federal Government to include aged care in its reform of public health services.

He says if nothing is done to improve the situation, aged care will face a disaster within three years.

"In Queensland we are not taking up our bed allocations and we are also returning beds, so existing providers - my members - are finding it difficult to make ends meet," he said.

"If your cost of living increases are at least 5 or 6 per cent, but the government increases your funding by 2 per cent that gap means that you are not economically viable."

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