



## ACT Government

# 2003-2004 BUDGET

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### \$700,000 FOR ACT HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

People with a disability, frail older people and their carers within the ACT will benefit from additional support services, the ACT Minister for Health, Simon Corbell announced today.

The ACT Budget 2003-04 provides an additional \$700,000 for the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program in the ACT.

“We know that services provided under the HACC Program are essential in keeping people supported in their own homes. Without this support they would need to move into a hostel, nursing home or other institution,” Mr Corbell said.

“This Government supports the right of people to choose where they live and this funding is there to provide the basic support people need to remain at home.

“These support services include transport, domestic support, personal care and social support. These services are essential, especially when our population of those over 65 years in the ACT is expected to triple between 1998 and 2051.

“This funding will provide a range of services particularly targeting those services identified by participants at the HACC Planning Day, which was held on 29 April 2003.

“People using HACC services and service providers have worked with ACT Health to identify priorities for HACC services for 2003-04.

“The ACT HACC Program has worked with the ACT community to increase consumer participation in all aspects of the Program and consumers have played a major role in the Planning Day.

“The ACT Government is committed to hearing the views of the community and ensuring that consumer participation influences service delivery within the ACT,” Mr Corbell said.  
**Statement ends.**

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