



MEDIA RELEASE

AGED CARE WELCOMES FOCUS ON AGEING

Level 1
25 Napier Close
Deakin ACT 2600
PO Box 335
Curtin ACT 2605

T: 02-6285 2615
F: 02-6281 5277

office@agedcareassociation.com.au
www.agedcareassociation.com.au

ACN 053 998 860
ABN 81 053 998 860

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) has welcomed the focus by the Prime Minister on the impact of ageing on the Australian economy and our capacity to meet future social, aged and health needs of the Australian community.

ACAA CEO, Rod Young, said 'the Association had for many years been highlighting to Government the need to recognize the enormous impact our ageing population will have on the future well being of our whole society.

'ACAA is delighted therefore that the first major issue the Prime Minister has raised in 2010 is the need to consider the long term strategies that will be required to ensure future governments are able to support and maintain the level of services the Australian community has come to expect,' said Mr Young.

'Failure to plan now for the future impact of ageing will almost certainly mean reductions in health services, aged care services and social welfare,' Mr Young said.

'After spending a century developing and evolving our health, aged and social welfare services, it would be a social catastrophe to see these diminish or decline due to lack of strategic policy reform to address the impending social impact of an ageing population,' said Rod Young.

'The first real impact of the greying of the population starts next year when the first of the baby boomer generation turns 65 years of age thus commencing the very rapid rise in the proportion of persons aged 65; 13% of population today rising to 18% in 2022 and over 20% by 2031,' Mr Young said.

'ACAA is therefore very pleased the Prime Minister has recognised this as a time bomb and announced the need to develop new policy frameworks to address the impact of ageing,' said Rod Young.

'ACAA welcomes this announcement by Kevin Rudd and looks forward to working with his Government on these issues in coming years,' said Mr Young.

For further contact:
Rod Young
ACAA CEO
Mobile 0419 624178
19 Jan 2010

State Offices

NSW

PO Box 7
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
T: 02-9212 6922
F: 02-9212 3488
E: admin@acaansw.com.au
W: www.acaansw.com.au

QLD

PO Box 995
Indooroopilly QLD 4068
T: 07-3725 5555
F: 07-3715 8166
E: acqi@acqi.org.au
W: www.acqi.org.au

SA

Unit 5, 259 Glen Osmond Road
Frewville SA 5063
T: 08-8338 6500
F: 08-8338 6511
E: executive@acaasa.com.au
W: www.acaasa.com.au

TAS

PO Box 208
Claremont TAS 7011
T: 03-6249 7090
F: 03-6249 7092
E: smithgardens@bigpond.com

VIC

Level 7, 71 Queens Road
Melbourne VIC 3004
T: 03-9805 9400
F: 03-9805 9455
E: info@accv.com.au
W: www.accv.com.au

WA

Suite 6, 11 Richardson Street
South Perth WA 6151
T: 08-9474 9200
F: 08-9474 9300
E: amarcher@acaawa.com.au
W: www.acaawa.com.au