



## Aged Care Association Australia

### **Government Mid-term Report – Demonstrates Aged Care Reform Forgotten**

The Rudd Government Mid-term Report emphasizes various areas in which this government has been highly active.

“However, Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) is greatly concerned that the government has failed to address the long term structural reform issues desperately needed within the Aged Care system”, said Rod Young, CEO of ACAA.

The Senate Enquiry into Residential and Community Aged Care sent a clear signal to Government as evidenced by the bi-partisan report clearly demonstrating the need for urgent action to address aged care operational and capital funding problems.

“Unless the Government recognizes the urgent need to repair the current capital creation system, aged care places will not be available to meet the needs of the large number of additional people who will require care from 2012 onwards”, said Mr. Young.

“If Government continues to ignore the industry’s pleas then the community had better start accepting that their mum or dad will soon, not be able to access care services from government sources and will have to look to their families for support; that is the simple reality of government refusing to change the current system to encourage aged care providers to provide the places that will be needed in a few years time”, said Rod Young.

If the Australian Aged care system is to meet this future need, it is essential that the government accepts the findings of the Senate Enquiry and advice from the industry that reform to the current system is needed today, said Rod Young.

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