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Health Reforms Fail to Address Aged Care

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) today welcomed the Prime Minister's launch of the 'National Health and Hospitals Network' though expressed concern that the reform agenda fails to address the issues of aged care.

Rod Young, ACAA CEO said 'the Prime Minister when launching the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report in August 2009 said that the aged care recommendations included in the report would be referred to the Productivity Commission.'

'Unfortunately, nearly eight months later, the referral to the Productivity Commission is yet to occur,' said Mr Young.

'The aged care industry desperately needs the Government to consider the reforms considered in the Commission's report and deferring consideration until at least 2011 is an unacceptable delay,' said Rod Young.

Mr Young said, 'the industry will need to invest \$21B over the next ten years and unless Government moves to address the current problems and create a strong certain business environment, then this level of investment is unlikely to occur.'

'ACAA stands ready to work with the Government on the reform agenda for aged care,' said Mr Young.

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