



## MEDIA RELEASE

### AGED CARE INDUSTRY WELCOMES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) welcomed the Government's response to the Productivity Commission's report titled "*Annual Review of Regulatory Burdens on Business: Social and Economic Infrastructure Service*"

ACAA CEO, Rod Young, said 'the announcement by Minister Tanner that the Government supported sixteen out of eighteen of the Productivity Commission's recommendations, is a very welcome sign that the Government is listening to the industry's call for reform to the current regulatory environment so that aged care providers can apply maximum resources towards the care of frail older Australians rather than bureaucracy.'

'The aged care industry recognises the need for a balance between ensuring maximum resources are applied to care and assuring the community that Government funds are being applied in the appropriate manner,' said Mr Young.

'ACAA believes that the balance between care and compliance has become skewed in recent years with far too many resources being applied to compliance and regulation than to the direct care of residents, said Rod Young.

ACAA welcomes Minister Tanner's announcement and looks forward to working with Government over the next twelve months to ensure that we achieve the objective of maximum resources being applied to care and that sensible compliance and regulation are applied to the aged care industry in the future.

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