



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

MEDIA RELEASE

AGED CARE REFORM ENDORSED IN GOVERNMENT REPORT

The release by the Productivity Commission of its report 'Annual Review of Regulatory Burdens on Business: Social and Economic Infrastructure Services' was warmly welcomed by Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) as an endorsement of the industry's position for many years that the Commonwealth funded aged care program requires some substantial reform.

ACAA also welcomed the endorsement of the Productivity Commission's report from Minister for Finance and Deregulation, the Hon Lindsay Tanner.

ACAA CEO, Rod Young said that 'it is hard enough to provide quality services and remain profitable within the current system without having unnecessary and complicated compliance rules and restrictive practices imposed by Government.'

The Productivity Commission's recommendation to reform:

- Building Certification;
- Accreditation;
- Enhanced consumer choice;
- Conditional adjustment payment reporting;
- Delineating the roles of the Accreditation Agency and the Department of Health and Ageing to assist aged care providers to better understand the compliance roles of both bodies;
- Abolition of the annual Fire and Safety declaration;
- Allow client choice for accommodation payments;

are all highly endorsed by the aged care industry which has called upon successive governments to remove these impediments to quality service provision and support aged care providers to get on with their job to provide quality care to their clients.

For further contact:
Rod Young
ACAA CEO
Mobile 0419 624178
15 Sept 2009

State Offices

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

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

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

TAS
PO Box 198
Kings Meadow TAS 7249
T: 03-6343 6840
F: 03-6343 6802
E: rarcher@parkgroup.com.au

VIC
2/1949 Malvern Road
Malvern East VIC 3145
T: 03-9885 0388
F: 03-9885 0347
E: agedcare@agedcarevic.com.au
W: www.agedcarevic.com.au

WA
Suite 6, 11 Richardson Street
South Perth WA 6151
T: 08-9474 9200
F: 08-9474 9300
E: anhecaws@inet.net.au