

Aged Care Association Australia (**ACAA**) and Hynes Lawyers (**Hynes**) are undertaking a review of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (Cth) (**Act**). The first phase of the review, which involved an extensive consultation process with a large cross section of providers across the country, was finalised in late 2009.

The next phase of the review is issuing a Survey. The Survey is the next step in a very important process directed towards achieving much needed reforms in community and residential aged care in Australia.

In the third phase, a report will be prepared identifying a series of reforms to the legislation that have the support of industry as identified by the results of the Survey. ACAA and Hynes will jointly submit the report to the Commonwealth Minister for Ageing and the Shadow Minister for Ageing.

It is critical that we obtain widespread industry participation in the Survey to ensure that the report accurately reflects industry views and to increase the report's likely influence on Government. ACAA hopes that all approved providers will fully participate in the Survey, and provide as much information as possible about their experiences of the Act.

The Survey can be accessed at

<http://thewebconsole.com/process/surveysRun.php?slid=103150>

Additionally, a paper copy can be downloaded from the link and sent by post to ACAA at PO Box 335, Curtin ACT 2605.

Thank you for completing the Survey and making a much valued contribution to improving the aged care industry.

The Survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and will remain open until 28 March 2010.

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