

# Media release

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## **Industry Welcomes New Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission**

Leading Age Services Australia (LASA), the voice of aged care, has welcomed the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission which commenced operations today.

Chief Executive Sean Rooney said LASA is looking forward to working with the Commission to ensure the highest standards of quality and safety in the aged care industry are achieved.

“The safety and care of older Australians is not negotiable and our industry is committed to continuous improvement of quality outcomes in aged care.

“The industry has also worked closely with Government on the development of the aged care Charter of Rights and has been proactive in preparing for the implementation of the new, stronger set of Aged Care Quality Standards from 1 July,” Mr Rooney said.

“While we share the Commission’s vision to support a world class aged care service, the system requires world class funding to match.

“Australia spends about 30 per cent less as a share of GDP on aged care than the average of other advanced economies and more support for older Australians and age services is urgently needed.

“The upcoming Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety will also provide an opportunity to expose any shortcomings in quality and safety and identify ways to make Australia’s aged care system better.”

LASA and our Members are actively participating in the Royal Commission process.

### **About Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)**

LASA is the national peak body representing and supporting providers of age services across residential care, home care and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable a high performing, respected, and sustainable age services industry delivering accessible, affordable, quality care and services for older Australians.

We represent providers of age services of all types and sizes located across Australia’s metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Consistent with the overall industry profile, 57% of our Members are not-for-profit providers, 33% are for-profit providers and 10% are government providers.

Our diverse and representative membership gives LASA the ability to speak with credibility and authority on issues of importance to older Australians and the age services industry.

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