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Aged Care an Issue of National Importance - too important not to get right

Ahead of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Leading Age Services Australia (LASA), the voice of aged care, says aged care is an issue of national importance and is too important not to get right.

The Royal Commission commences on Friday (18 January) with a preliminary hearing in Adelaide and will hand down its interim report by the end of October, with the final report due in April 2020.

LASA Chief Executive Officer Sean Rooney says LASA is fully supportive of the Royal Commission process.

“It is important that the Royal Commission be open and transparent and provide a forum for all involved in the aged care system to tell their stories with regard to their experiences.

“We all want a safe, high quality and high performing aged care system. Older Australians need it and older Australians deserve nothing less.

“While the vast majority of Australia’s age services and their dedicated staff deliver outstanding care, it is the responsibility of our industry, the Government and the wider community to ensure there are no exceptions.

“We must grasp the ‘once in a generation’ opportunity that the aged care Royal Commission provides to make the aged care system better for all older Australians, now and into the future.

”Notwithstanding this, whilst the Royal Commission is underway, we must not lose sight of making the aged care system better right now, by addressing the key issues of access to services, funding of services, quality of services and supporting the workforce that delivers these services.”

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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