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Aged care experts unanimous on industry viability

The Surveyors undertaking financial benchmark analysis of the aged care industry have released a joint statement to the Senate Enquiry into Residential and Community Aged Care clarifying the evidence previously tendered to the Inquiry and to reinforce the primary findings of their research.

The Surveyors:

Stewart Brown Financial Services, James Underwood and Associates and Grant Thornton Australia Ltd have submitted the following statement to the Inquiry:

'We refer to recent references made in Senate Estimates and the Aged Care Senate Inquiry to our research on the financial performance of residential aged care services. Information from our respective surveys has been used in public forums to argue different points of view and the following statement is made to clarify our position:

Our research confirms that modern, single-room High Care services make very poor or negative returns on average. These returns are far below the returns achieved in older, shared-room High Care services.

In our opinion, modern, single-room High Care services – other than those with extra service approvals – are not viable under current funding and regulatory arrangements'

'Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) warmly welcomes this statement from these three organizations as among them they hold a depth of expertise and knowledge about the aged care industry, which should place their evidence beyond question,' said Rod Young, ACAA CEO.

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