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Aged Care Industry Welcomes Template for Reform

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The release today by the Productivity Commission of its seminal report on reforming the aged care industry has been warmly welcomed by the industry.

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA), CEO, Rod Young, said 'The agenda the Commission has outlined in their report sets a clear template for reform and a sensible timeframe for implementation.'

Mr Young said, 'ACAA looks forward to working with the Government on the detail surrounding the major aspects of the report, such as:

- enhancing consumer choice
- developing long term funding options
- solving the capital needs of the industry
- better integrating services to ensure a continuum of care for clients
- ensuring a timeframe for implementation which is practical for the industry
- working towards the industry objectives of equity, access and sustainability
- creating an independent Australian Aged Care Regulatory Commission

'It will take some years for these changes to work their way through the system. It will be essential that the transition from the old scheme to the new is handled sensitively and in a manner that the industry can absorb,' said Rod Young.

'ACAA believes the aged care industry is ready to work cooperatively with the Government to ensure these reforms deliver a system that will provide choice, access and sustainability for older Australians over the next thirty years,' Mr Young said.

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