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## MEDIA RELEASE

### AGED CARE INDUSTRY WELCOMES ENERGY PACKAGE

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) welcomed the announcement by Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot, that the Australian Government would include residential aged care facilities in the energy efficient homes package component of the \$42B stimulus package announced by Government.

'Aged care providers are very keen to be seen as responsible corporate citizens and to ensure that the environment footprint of nursing homes and hostels is as low as possible,' said Rod Young, ACAA CEO.

ACAA will be strongly recommending to members that they make as much use as possible of the Government's energy efficiency package to ensure that the environmental impact of running aged care facilities twenty four hours a day is at the lowest possible level.

'With the costs of energy of all types likely to rise significantly over the next twenty years there is also a financial benefit to aged care providers to ensure the widest use of insulation and solar hot water to reduce operator exposure to energy cost increases,' said Mr Young.

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