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MEDIA RELEASE

Aged Care Royal Commission – Recommendations must be implemented.

For immediate release

The final report and recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission into Quality and Safety was released to the public on March 1st 2021. 148 recommendations have been put forth to the government to bring the aged care industry in Australia to a standard that older Australians require.

The Association of Aged Service Professionals (AASP) pays tribute to the tireless work of the Commissioners, The Honourable Tony Pagone QC, Ms Lynelle Briggs AO, The Honourable Richard Tracey AM RFD QC and the council assisting. In particular, we acknowledge the bravery shown by older people utilising the aged care system, their family and carers who provided evidence at the Aged Care Royal commission.

Acting Chair of AASP, Ms Nicole Dunn spoke at the Mildura hearing of the Aged Care Royal Commission which focused on the needs of families and carers. “The Aged Care Royal Commission has provided clear recommendations to the Morrison government about change that is needed. Now, the real test is ensuring the recommendations are implemented”, Ms Dunn said. “We call for a transparent plan of action from the government about the next steps to implement the recommendations, with time frames to achieve them. Now is the time for accountability”.

AASP is a professional association that represents members working in the aged care, retirement and disability industries. As an association we are committed to further advocacy to ensure the recommendations of the Royal Commission are implemented and reform of the aged care system occurs.

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