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Ms Christine McDonald
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Ms McDonald,

Re: Enquiry into Residential and Community Aged Care

Aged Care Association Australia (ACAA) has been very concerned about the controversy surrounding evidence submitted to the Enquiry into Residential and Community Aged Care particularly the conflicting evidence regarding the interpretation of the various financial benchmark analysis that is undertaken on behalf of the industry.

In order to clarify the main issues that have been in contention before this Inquiry, ACAA has sought a clarifying statement from the Principal Surveyors undertaking the financial benchmark analysis of the financial status of the aged care industry.

The clarifying statement from Stewart Brown Business Solutions, James Underwood and Associates and Grant Thornton Australia Ltd is attached.

It would be appreciated if this statement could be circulated to all Senators involved in this enquiry as we believe that is important for Senators to understand the Surveyors expert analysis and in depth knowledge of the aged care industry is in part, due to the knowledge gained from their long term surveying of the industry's operational performance.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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