

**JOINT STATEMENT OF RESEARCHERS
TO
THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY
AGED CARE**

7 April 2009

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 services approvals – are not viable under current funding and regulatory arrangements.



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