Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SENATE INQUIRY INTO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY AGED CARE

21 April 2009

Question: 01

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: BUILDING OF NEW PLACES

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Senator SEIWERT asked:

Building of new places in fringe versus city locations.

Answer:

An indication of where new places are being built can be obtained by mapping newly operationalised aged care places. The attached maps show residential aged care places that became operational between 1 July 2005 to 31 March 2009 inclusive. The number of places is tallied by Statistical Local Areas across Australia (please note that total population size differs between SLAs). The maps do not show any of the aged care places that became operational before 2005.

Places operationalised in the last four years are mostly spread across areas outside the central business districts and densely populated areas of capital cities in all states other than Tasmania.

The distribution of new places foreshadows areas where increases in the ageing population are expected to be greatest. The ABS estimates that 'when compared with capital cities, the non-capital city areas typically have significantly higher projected proportions of people aged 65 years and over, as many people retire to regional and coastal areas'. The ABS publication *Population Projections, Australia 2006 to 2101* provides further detail. It is available on the ABS web site.

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The attached proposed answer is submitted for information.

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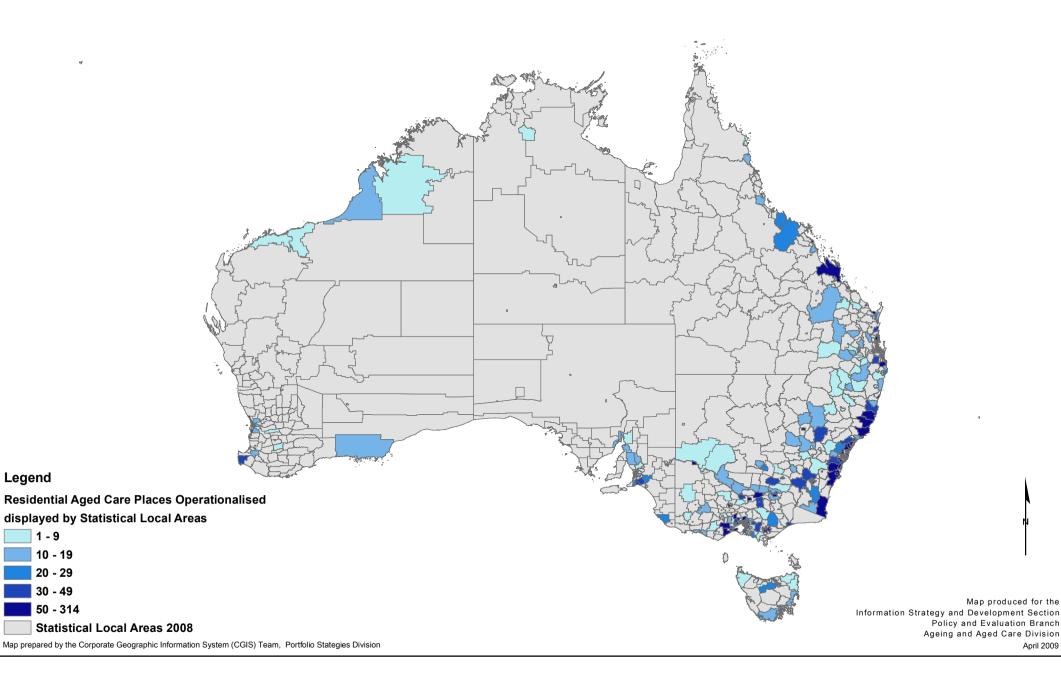
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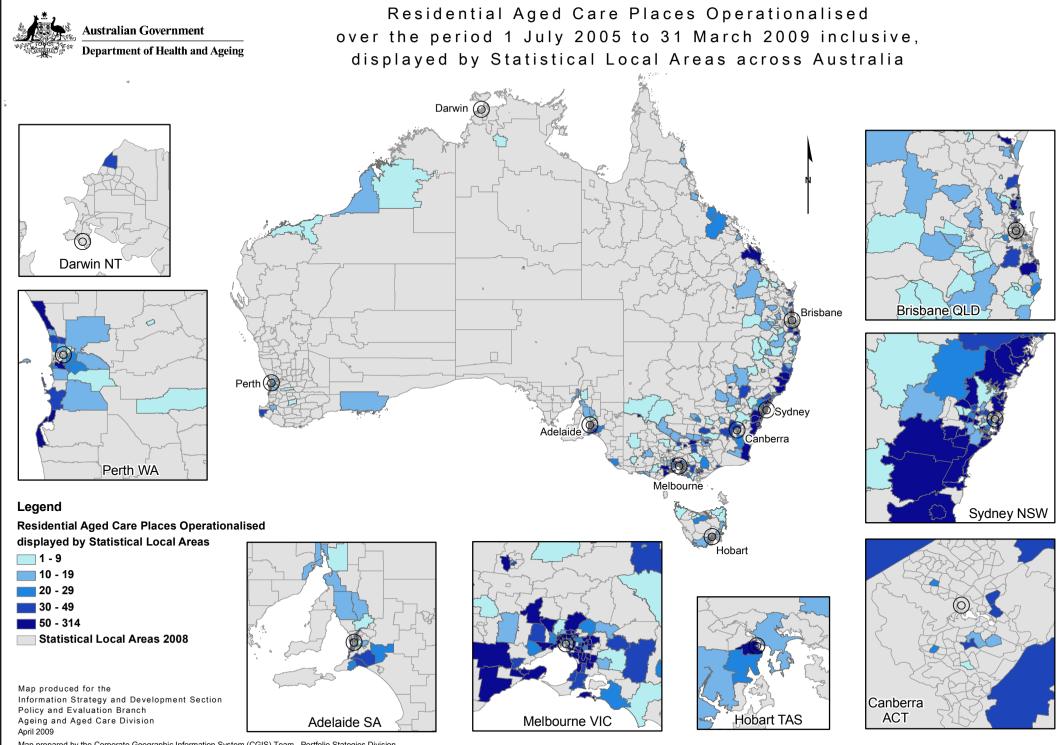


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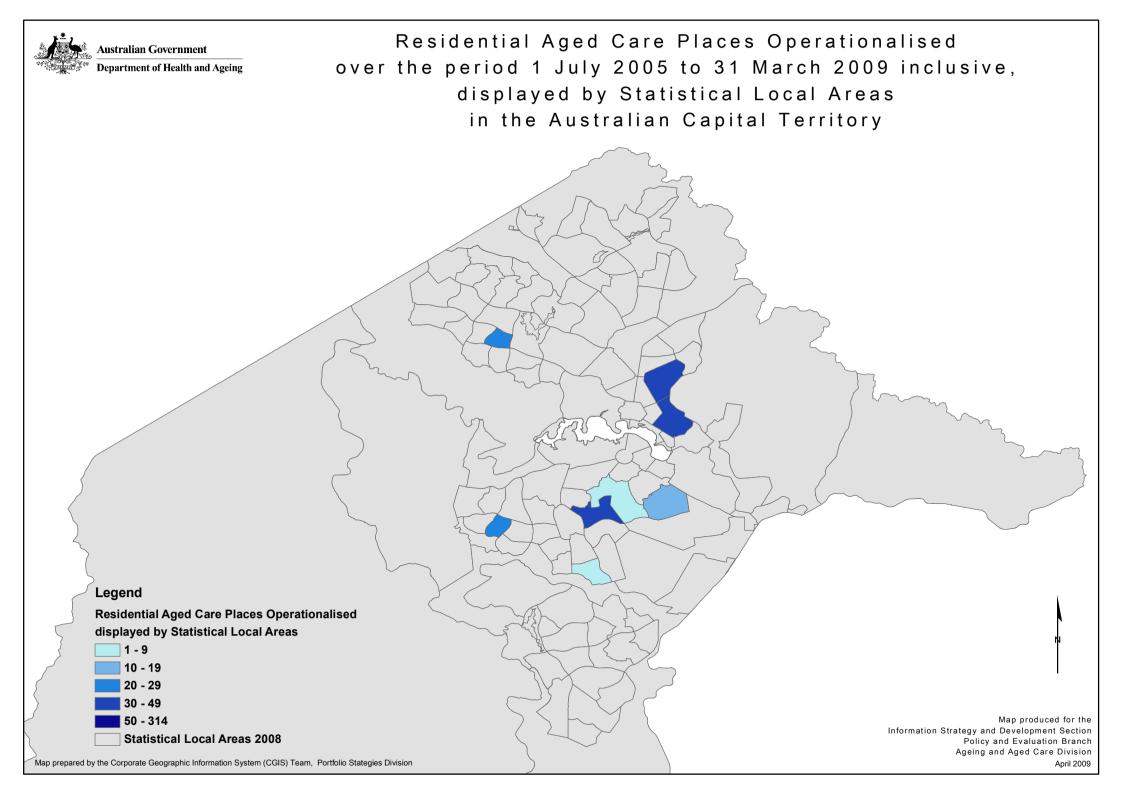
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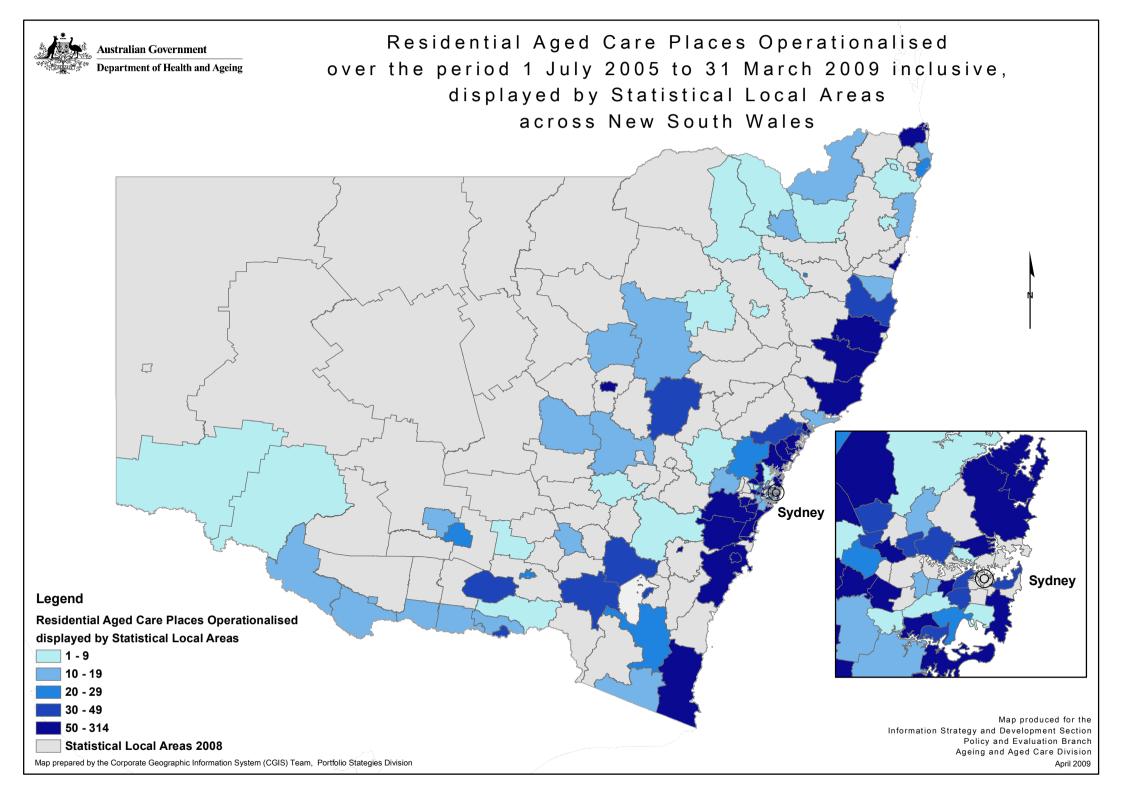
Residential Aged Care Places Operationalised over the period 1 July 2005 to 31 March 2009 inclusive, displayed by Statistical Local Areas across Australia





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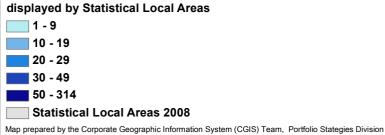


Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing Residential Aged Care Places Operationalised over the period 1 July 2005 to 31 March 2009 inclusive, displayed by Statistical Local Areas in the Northern Territory Darwin Darwin

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Residential Aged Care Places Operationalised

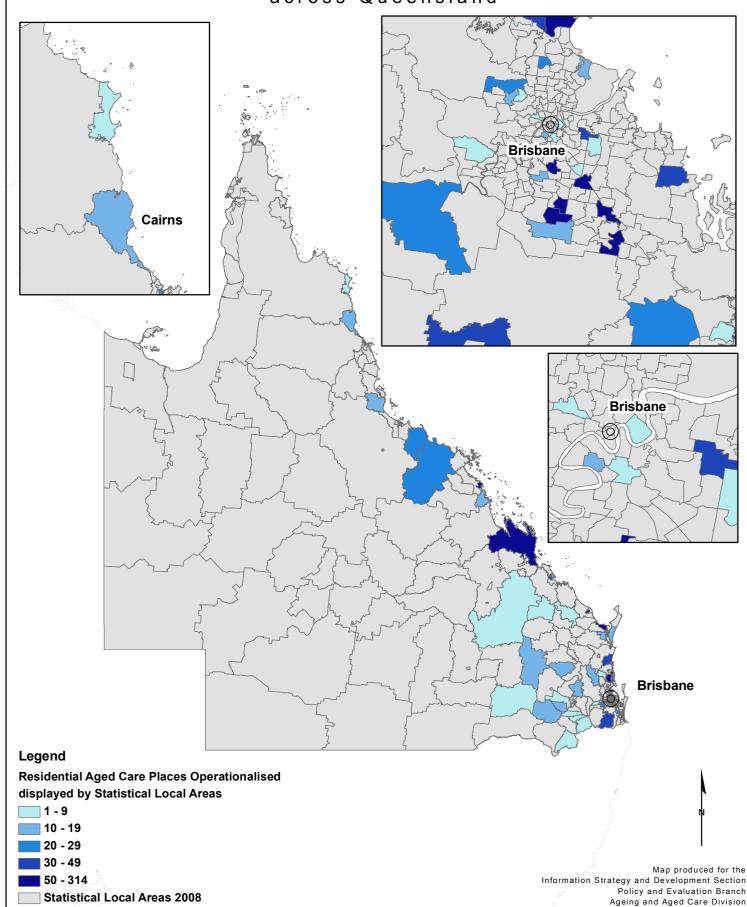


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Residential Aged Care Places Operationalised over the period 1 July 2005 to 31 March 2009 inclusive, displayed by Statistical Local Areas across Queensland



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