



## THE HON JUSTINE ELLIOT MP

### Minister for Ageing

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#### MINISTER FOR AGEING MEETS WITH ANGLICARE

Federal Minister for Ageing, Mrs Justine Elliot this week (June 16) met in Canberra with Anglicare Australia – the country's fourth largest aged care provider.

They discussed Anglicare's historic decision to identify ageing as a priority area for the next three years – and plans to respond to social isolation and reduce on social inclusion.

Anglicare Australia is the Anglican Church's nationwide network of care and social support agencies. Its 14 Anglicare Australia member agencies provide residential and community aged care services to older Australians. Anglicare Aged Care services provide 5,431 Commonwealth approved aged care beds and maintain 2,236 Independent Living Units.

Care is also provided to older Australians living at home through Home and Community Care services to 11,273 people and Community Aged Care Packages to 2,895 people. Respite care places are also available for 644 people with other services like extended aged care in the Home (EACH) being provided to 9,379 people.

In 2006-07 the Australian Government provided more than \$190 million for residential and community aged care services operating under the **Anglicare Australia** banner.

Anglicare's State/Territory by State/Territory composition is:

State or Territory	Anglican Aged Care Services agencies
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anglicare SA</li><li>• Laura and Alfred West Cottage Homes</li><li>• Willochra Home</li></ul>
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benetas</li><li>• Brotherhood of St. Laurence</li><li>• Gippsland Anglican Aged Care Limited</li></ul>
New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anglicare Diocese of Sydney</li><li>• Anglicare Western NSW</li></ul>
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spiritus</li></ul>
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glenview Community Services Inc</li></ul>
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amana Living</li></ul>
ACT and south east NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn Retirement and Aged Care</li></ul>
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anglicare NT</li></ul>

Previously, Mrs Elliot had an introductory meeting with Anglicare on January 17 in Canberra – shortly after she was appointed Minister.

Mrs Elliot met with eight Chief Executive Officers. They were:

Mr Keith Waters (Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn and Anglicare Australia Council member);

- Mr Peter Kell (Anglicare, Diocese of Sydney and Anglicare Australia Council member),
- Mr Don Luke (Spiritus, Executive Director)
- Dr Lynn Arnold (Anglicare SA chief executive officer);
- Ms Christine Dibley (Glenview Home Inc and Anglicare Australia Council member);

- Ms Sharon McGowan (Acting chief executive officer, Benetas);
- Ms Sandra Hills (General Manager for Aged and Community Care, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Victoria and chair of Anglicare Australia Aged Care network); and
- Ms Kasy Chambers (Anglicare Australia chief executive officer).

“I welcome Anglicare’s recognition of the challenge of Australia’s growing ageing population and their ensuing commitment and support for our older community,” Mrs Elliot said.

“I commend Anglicare for their forward thinking and ongoing and improved services, which help older Australians to live comfortable and independent lives.

“Anglicare are also committed to new models of care and support for older people vulnerable to social isolation – helping older Australians remain connected to their communities,” Mrs Elliot said.

Anglicare provide a range of supported and independent living options for older Australians through their seniors living division Chesalon Living - comprised of two areas of aged care services and support:

Chesalon Care provides residential aged care and associated support services and Chesalon service offers services help at home, day care centres and carer support services.

Anglicare is expanding into new categories of care, such as plans to set up an eighth residential facility in Sydney’s south-west and incorporating space for day respite centres and community care programs. They are also upgrading and providing new facilities in areas of growing need.

“I commend Anglicare for the work they do – and I am glad that the Government’s new budget measures will further support this good work,” Mrs Elliot said.

Some of these Commonwealth measures include:

- An additional \$293.2 million over four years to provide an extra 2000 transition care places to older people who no longer require hospital care but need time to prepare for longer term care needs;
- Increasing the Conditional Adjustment Payment (CAP) to 8.75 per cent of the basic aged care subsidy, meaning an additional \$407.6 million over four years for investment in the sector;
- Encouraging up to 1,000 nurses to return to residential aged care over five years. Cash bonuses of up to \$6,000 will be available to nurses, who have been out of the nursing workforce for more than a year; and
- \$300 million in zero real interest loans to aged care providers to encourage them to provide up to 2,500 aged care beds in places of shortage.

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