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AMA EXPRESSES DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT IN AGED CARE REVIEW RESULTS

Attentive and fully resourced care for the elderly is a fundamental human right, all aged care facilities have a responsibility to ensure this is supplied. The AMA has expressed its disappointment in the results of a report discussed by the ABC today where Queen Victoria Home at Lindisfarne, was implicated in several incidents.

Dr John Davis, President AMA Tasmania, said, "GP's have expressed concern about systems and staff levels at Aged Care facilities in the past and it's disappointing to hear of these results, our concerns are is this the tip of the iceberg, with lack of government support and funding adding to the already overburdened sector of this industry?".

The elderly has worked hard throughout their lives and deserve the best in their closing years. Doctors and nurses work tirelessly to ensure health issues are professionally and caringly managed, and we need the Aged Care industry to uphold their part of the care equation by ensuring day to day basic needs are met.

The Federal Government's announcement of a Royal Commission into the industry is timely and much needed, and we look forward to the necessary improvements being implemented.

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