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Dear Ms Fitzpatrick



The Labor Government is committed to improving the standards in our state's aged care services. Thanks to Labor, Victoria is the only state in the country that is investing in public sector aged care. We have not only stopped the Liberals' public residential aged care sell off, but we are also revitalising public aged care facilities with our \$55.5 million investment in a new Kew facility, and have committed to build a new Wantirna aged care facility as a part of our \$170 million Angliss Hospital development.

While the Federal Government holds primary responsibility for the aged care sector, the current failings of the aged care system are placing preventable pressure on public health care services, through presentations to emergency departments, hospital admissions and ambulance callouts.

Further to my letter from 9 November 2018, I am pleased to confirm that a re-elected Labor Government will review the minimum quality and safety standards in the Victorian aged care sector, including the administration and management of medication as specified in the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* and the *Drugs and Poisons Act and Regulations 2017* by 30 June 2019. The review will have regard to:

- Workforce accreditation, education and capability;
- Impact on state public health services;
- Research and contemporary reports;
- Promotion of independence for those with cognitive capacity; and
- Complex care needs of residents.

The commencement of the Review and its Terms of Reference will require Cabinet approval.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with the Federation as we progress this important work.

Yours sincerely



HON DANIEL ANDREWS MP
Premier of Victoria
Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party