

## Media Statement

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### Statement from Life Care CEO Allen Candy

Over the next decade, the number of people aged 70 years and over living in Adelaide will rise by 30%, from 150,000 to a projected 200,818.

This ageing of our population, coupled with our changing expectations of how and where we want to live in our retirement, is driving demand to replace the 1970s and 1980s-built accommodation that prevails around much of Adelaide.

Life Care has also conducted significant research into best practice in care and design to better understand the needs and wants of the future generation of ageing Adelaide residents.

This research has confirmed that residents want to stay in the communities they raised their families in, close to established support networks, rather than move to lower density developments on the urban fringe. It is this research that has informed the preliminary development concepts for Joslin, Norwood and Glen Osmond.

The concepts we are proposing will allow a husband and wife to move from receiving support in their own apartment to full nursing care just across the courtyard; not across the city. Our proposed developments also include a range of care services and facilities, allowing people to live independently for longer while accessing necessary support without having to drive off-site.

In March this year the Government Gazetted a separate set of provisions under the guidelines for Major Projects - specifically developed for the aged care sector. We have chosen to access these provisions to develop our sites to deliver world's best practice aged care.

As part of this planning approval process, we are refining our plans to ensure we meet the planning and design guidelines set by the State Government's Design Review Panel. We are working through a range of design options, taking into consideration height, density and massing, set-backs and building orientation. As the process continues, we expect to make design alterations to reflect feedback received through the Planning and Approval process.

We are aware of local resident concerns and have sought to engage with the communities at Joslin, Norwood and Glen Osmond to discuss their issues and seek solutions where possible as we refine our plans.

We have had constructive and positive engagement with the residents at Norwood, one meeting with the residents at Joslin and continue to offer the opportunity to Glen Osmond residents to engage with our project team. We have further meetings planned with interested residents in the coming weeks.

The provision of modern and contemporary independent living options and associated care and support services is quickly becoming a significant issue in Adelaide where supply is outstripping demand. Our developments will only meet only 10% of the demand forecast for Adelaide in the next decade.

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While we acknowledge the need to ensure developments are well designed and integrate with the surrounding built environment and are working with the Government's Planning approval process to refine our development concepts, we also believe we have a responsibility to provide the best possible accommodation and care services to support our ageing.

## **ABOUT LIFE CARE**

Life Care is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has been delivering services to ageing South Australians in their homes and through supported accommodation for more than 65 years. It provides 24-hour care, respite, independent living and home care support services, employing over 650 South Australians. For more information visit [www.lifecare.org.au](http://www.lifecare.org.au).

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