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PRESS RELEASE

SUE MACRI APPOINTED AS ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER TO PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION AGED CARE INQUIRY

Assistant Treasurer, Senator Nick Sherry, and Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot MP today announced the appointment of Sue Macri AM as Associate Commissioner to the Productivity Commission inquiry into aged care in Australia.

Ms Macri will assist the Commission in its inquiry to develop options for further structural reform of the aged care system, so it can meet the challenges facing it in coming decades.

The inquiry will look at a broad range of issues, including:

- the social, clinical and institutional aspects of aged care in Australia, the interests of special needs groups;
- regulatory and funding options for residential and community aged care (including the Home and Community Care program); and
- the future workforce requirements of the aged care sector.

In the course of the inquiry, the Commission will consult widely with older Australians, their carers, aged care providers, government agencies and other interested parties.

Ms Macri has more than a decade of experience as a Director of Nursing/ CEO in the private hospital system, and has represented the aged care industry at both a state and national level on Ministerial working parties, committees and reviews including the Macri Panel on Nursing Home Documentation and Accountability Report, the National Review of Nursing Education and the National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce.

In 2007 she was named a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to the community in the area of aged care, particularly in the review and development of industry standards, accreditation and future management practices, and to nurse education and training. Ms Macri was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University for her contribution to aged care and to nursing and nursing education and training.

The Commission will hold public hearings and release a draft report for public comment, before delivering a final report to the Government in April 2011.

For further information go to www.pc.gov.au

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