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QUALITY AND SAFETY KEY IN OUR AGED CARE SECTOR

The Federal Coalition Government will launch a Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector to look at the quality of care provided in Residential and Home Aged Care to our senior; and young Australians with disabilities living in Residential Aged Care settings.

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad said he welcomes the Royal Commission to ensure those living in our facilities across the country are looked after with the highest standards of care.

"Across our patch in North Western Victoria I have always been very pleased to see the pride and care that our local residential care staff take but I know nationally this review is much needed," Mr Broad said.

"As a community and as a government we expect extremely high standards of care for our loved ones. This Royal Commission will determine what we need to do in the future to ensure these expectations are met."

Minister Broad has also encouraged aged care services across the electorate of Mallee to apply for the new Aged Care Regional, Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grants scheme. The $40 million program could see successful providers granted up to $500,000 to further improve their operations.

"This is great news for our local service providers who are looking to build extensions. Whether it be improving accessibility or upgrading a kitchen, I urge our local operators to consider applying," he said.

"Approved Commonwealth Home Support Programme Providers such as Meals on Wheels may also be eligible where there is an exceptional need."

Applications will close at 2pm on October 24 2018. The application form, guidelines and FAQ can be accessed GrantConnect: www.grants.gov.au

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