

Attributable to a spokesperson for Minister Colbeck:

Minister Colbeck has been regularly updated on the actions taken to address the deeply concerning reports relating to the quality of care at two aged care facilities at Port Augusta.

Following an on-site assessment of the Ramsay facility, the Age Care Quality and Safety Commission issued the approved provider with a notice to agree. This included a requirement to appoint an independent adviser for six months to work with management to ensure quality of care is brought back to compliance.

The health and wellbeing of older Australians in residential aged care remains the Morrison Government's highest priority.

That is why it acted to establish the independent regulator and has since strengthened its oversight capacity allowing greater transparency across the sector.

The ACQSC has been continuously engaged with regulatory activity across the sector throughout COVID-19.

This program of work, including targeted visits based on assessed risk, has been built on universal surveys, existing regulatory intelligence, and visits.

The Government has provided additional funding and additional regulatory tools, including the capacity to seek civil penalties, to the Commission to bolster this regulatory activity.

Ultimately, this is to ensure that senior Australians in residential aged care are treated with respect and dignity.