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## Aged & Community Services Australia and Baptist Care Australia announce first group membership agreement

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) and Baptist Care Australia are pleased to announce their first group membership which commences from 1 July 2018.

With a huge amount of change, reform and policy development underway in aged care, ACSA and Baptist Care Australia have a clear goal to have a greater impact on industry policy development.

“Due to the size and speed of change in the aged care system, there is a high volume of work and expertise required to effectively engage and influence decisions,” Marcia Balzer, Executive Director, Baptist Care Australia said.

“Combining our advocacy efforts with ACSA as the peak body for not-for-profit aged care providers will strengthen our national voice on the many issues that matter most to our members and the older Australians they care for.”

Baptist Care Australia represents the fourth-largest not-for-profit aged care provider group in Australia and the new agreement means that aged care policy and advocacy will be strengthened considerably.

“We look forward to continuing working with those Baptist Care Australia providers who are already members and welcoming new members into the ACSA network and to a long and mutually rewarding relationship,” ACSA CEO Pat Sparrow said.

“Baptist Care Australia very much welcomes the opportunity of this group membership arrangement with ACSA. It supports both organisations in advocating for high quality aged care services valued by older people in Australia,” Ms Balzer said.

The organisations in the Baptist Care group membership are:

- Baptist Care (NSW & ACT)
- Baptcare (Vic & Tas)
- Carinity (Queensland)
- Baptist Care (WA)
- Maroba
- Ashfield Baptist Homes
- Village Baxter
- Bethshan Ministries

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