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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Huon Eldercare – Response to Senator Eric Abetz

I have no disagreement with Senator Eric Abetz that Huon Eldercare is a showcase of “the very best of Tasmania’s aged care facilities.” However, this does not let Senator Abetz’s Liberal Party off the hook for its under funding of the aged care system.

He cannot escape the fact that not only has the Rudd Government invested far more in aged and community care but we have commissioned a Productivity Commission inquiry to see what more can be done to help the sector.

It is a testament to the professionalism of the staff and the dedication of volunteers that Huon Eldercare has been able to thrive despite 12 years of neglect by the Howard Government.

Unlike the Liberals, the Rudd Labor Government is committed to ensuring that aged and community care facilities like Huon Eldercare receive the resources they need to provide quality care for their residents.