



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

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Statement from the Mayor

Glen Eira is the last Victorian council still operating residential aged care. The standard of care we provide has always been of a high quality and we are proud of the care we give.

In early 2019, Council approached the market calling for submissions from specialist aged care providers to buy and operate Rosstown in Carnegie, Spurway in Murrumbeena and Warrawee in Bentleigh East.

We always said that we would only sell to an aged care provider that met our high standards and if the process did not identify a quality provider, we would not sell.

We knew our criteria had the potential to limit the number of prospective purchasers, but we were not willing to lower our standards. Having not received an offer that met our tight criteria, there will not be a sale at this time.

Protecting current and future aged care residents has been, and always will be, our priority. We support the Royal Commission shining a light on the complexities of the aged care sector.

Not selling at this time in no way reflects the quality of care we provide, rather there were a number of contributing factors, including the Royal Commission creating uncertainty in the market, the age and level of amenities provided in our older facilities and reduced demand for aged care beds in Glen Eira.

The response to the Royal Commission has been overwhelming and has led to it being extended by seven months so it can respond to the large number of submissions received. It has identified issues across the aged care sector and like all aged care providers we will need to make changes.

We recognise the past year has not always been easy and appreciate the support and patience of residents, their family members and staff.

As always, our focus is on ensuring our aged care residents receive the quality care they need and deserve.

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Glen Eira Mayor

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