

## **Statement from Planning Minister John Rau**

South Australia has a faster ageing population than other mainland states and by 2031 it is estimated that there will be more than 440,000 people aged over 65, making up more than 1 in 5 of South Australia's total population.

A major development declaration was made to accommodate the increasing demand for retirement living and residential aged care in South Australia.

A major development assessment is the most rigorous form of all planning assessments in the State. It is used to consider proposals of a significant scale, nature or impact.

The proponent will need to provide a significant amount of detail and analysis of each proposal, for the public to consider and comment on.

This is much more detail than is required for an ordinary development application, meaning that the community will be better informed on the details of the Lifecare proposals when public consultation takes place.