

# Media release

**From Brian Tee Labor MP, Eastern Metropolitan Region  
Parliamentary Secretary for Justice**

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## **MUCH-NEEDED AGED CARE ACCOMMODATION GETS GO AHEAD**

An amendment to the Manningham Planning Scheme will pave the way for an expansion of the On Luck Chinese Nursing Home, providing an additional 120 aged care places.

Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region Brian Tee said Amendment C88, approved by the Planning Minister, allowed the Chinese Community Social Services Centre Inc (CCSSC) to progress its application with the Federal Government for an allocation of aged care places.

Mr Tee said the decision was in line with the Brumby Labor Government's plans for managing Melbourne's growth and demographic change *Melbourne 2030* and *Melbourne @ 5 million*.

"The Victorian Government supports diversity of housing choice and locations to meet the housing demands of an ageing population," Mr Tee said.

"The expansion of this aged care facility will help to meet the shortfall of approximately 650 high care places in Melbourne's Eastern Region, especially for the region's Chinese-speaking aged population which is expected to significantly increase," said Mr Tee.

"In addition to addressing the high need for aged care housing in the area, the amendment introduces improved controls to land use and development on the site at 177-179 Tindals Road, Donvale," Mr Tee said.

"The government has been mindful of the site's sensitive location by including additional requirements to the development plan, introducing guidelines derived from green wedge provisions and requiring Manningham City Council's input to the development process," said Mr Tee.

"The Brumby Government fully supports Victorian organisations and councils wanting to take advantage of Commonwealth funding programs," said Mr Tee.

"However, before any further development of the nursing home can take place, a development plan will need to be submitted to the Planning Minister for approval," said Mr Tee.

"Manningham has a significant Chinese Community and I welcome this initiative which will go a long way to addressing their needs," said Mr Tee.

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