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aged rights advocacy service inc.

MEDIA RELEASE: 7.30 REPORT & ELDER ABUSE

Aged Rights Advocacy Service Inc (ARAS) acknowledges the deeply distressing case of physical assault and elder abuse on Mr Hausler which was revealed on the 7.30 Report last night. ARAS will continue to work with the Hausler family to resolve care issues.

ARAS CEO, Carolanne Barkla explains that 'older people are entitled to feel safe and have their rights respected.'

The circumstances surrounding the shocking abuse of Mr Hausler raises a number of things that need to change:

- *The right to choose to have a safety camera in place. This should always be with consent of the older person or their representative. It is important to remember that the camera would be in private room/space of the older person who has most likely to have purchased the accommodation for a not inconsiderable amount of money. This right needs to balance the right to privacy and the right to safety.*
- *The need for mandatory elder abuse recognition training for all staff of Residential Aged Care Facilities.*
- *Education of Residential Aged Care Facilities Managers on how to respond to complaints or concerns raised by families.*

Ms Barkla adds 'ARAS is able to support older people with information, support, education and advocacy: <http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au/>'.

If you or a person you know is being abused and you want free confidential advice please call:

- ARAS 08 82325377
- Country Toll Free 1800 700 600
- Elder Abuse Prevention Phone Line 1800 372 310

THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE!

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