



Elder Abuse Prevention Association

Protecting Our Vulnerable Older Persons...

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Media Release

The Elder Abuse Prevention Association is extremely pleased and honoured to announce that Academy Award ® winning director **Adam Elliot** has agreed to be our **official patron**.



“I would be honoured and delighted to be a patron of EAPA. I do not attach my names to groups lightly and thoroughly consider every offer that comes our way. Your association to me is very important and needs highlighting and more recognition and support.

Elder abuse is something I know about from my mother who has worked in nursing homes and told me stories that are so disheartening and saddening. My own grandmother spent over a decade in a nursing home and we often fought for her dignity and respect.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to think that by the time the Association is 21, there will be no need for your association and that the abuse of our elders was a thing of the past? I hope this dream becomes a reality.

I wish you all the very best and hope you continue to fight for human rights.”

***Sincerely,
Adam Elliot.***

The Elder Abuse Prevention Association is a national not for profit association established in 2002 to achieve a clearer understanding of abuse and provide education, awareness, and advocacy to prevent it. Its founder **Lillian Jeter** has twenty-two years of investigative experience in elder abuse cases as well as risk management, training, and global research experience.

Every year in Australia we estimate that there are **over 100,000 vulnerable older persons** who suffer the pain of physical, psychological, mistreatment, neglect, and exploitation at the hands of family members, trusted others, and paid carers in facilities. Their cries for help go unnoticed and the victimisation is hidden behind the closed doors of our communities, hospitals, and residential care facilities.

Services Offered by the Elder Abuse Prevention Association:

- Workshops on elder abuse specifically tailored for residential care facilities as well as community care agencies and hospitals
- Presentations on elder abuse for symposiums and seminars as well as groups in the community
- Prevention and awareness tips for consumers
- Policy initiation and risk management guidelines for residential care facilities and aged care professionals
- Independent and objective consultations for agencies, family members, and individuals
- Expert witness testimony in both civil and criminal cases
- Counselling for older clients, family members, and aged care professionals

Being a not for profit association, the Elder Abuse Prevention Association does not receive government funding and is reliant on membership, sponsorship, donations and bequeaths to continue its work.

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