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### **Mercy Health and Southern Cross Care Victoria to explore possible merger**

Mercy Health and Southern Cross Care Victoria have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to explore a possible merger and work together to ensure the quality and consistent care of the people they serve, now and into the future.

As Catholic, not-for-profit organisations aligned in the values, mission and vision of a common ethos, Southern Cross Care Victoria and Mercy Health share a 2,000-year tradition of compassionate care for the elderly and vulnerable.

It is anticipated that if the two organisations are brought together, it would create the largest aged and home care provider of its kind in Victoria.

During the next six months Mercy Health and Southern Cross Care Victoria will conduct a process of due diligence.

We see this partnership as an opportunity to serve more people, to do so sustainably and to fulfil the missions for which both organisations are founded.

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