

# Media Release



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Carers Australia is the recognised national voice of Australian carers. Our members are the carers associations in each state and territory. We have no political affiliation. We work with all parties to achieve better outcomes for all carers. We believe that all carers are entitled to the same rights, choices and opportunities as other Australians.

## Carers Australia welcomes renewed focus on National Carer Strategy

Carers Australia welcomes the appointment of Senator the Hon Jan McLucas as Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, and congratulates the Hon Jenny Macklin MP for acknowledging the importance of the strategy.

Carers Australia now looks forward to renewed effort to progress the National Carer Strategy and National Carer Recognition Legislation.

"This important work for carers across the country was unfortunately disrupted by the election," said Carers Australia President, Tim Moore

"We have had months of waiting and now family carers across the country can look forward to progress on this issue and the swift passage of the legislation through parliament."

"Carers Australia believes that there must be greater acknowledgement of all family carers at a national level, and the specific inclusion of carers under Senator McLucas' responsibilities is a positive change." said Mr Moore.

Carers Australia believes there should now be few barriers to the introduction of National Carer Recognition Legislation.

"The legislation has had support across all parties prior to the election. We would like to see this continue, as it will provide a platform for better outcomes for family carers." said Mr Moore.

"More broadly, we look forward to a National Carer Strategy that will result in improved support and services for Australia's family carers."

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