



**ANDREW CONSTANCE MP**  
Minister for Ageing  
Minister for Disability Services

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NSW CARERS AWARDS**

People across NSW are being urged to nominate someone who has made an outstanding contribution as a carer for the NSW Carers Awards.

Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Andrew Constance, made the appeal with nominations opening today.

“I urge everyone to nominate someone from this exceptional group of people who give so much of themselves to their role as a carer,” said Mr Constance.

“There are 748,000 carers in NSW; that’s more than one in 10 people. They can be parents, partners, brothers, sisters, friends, sons or daughters.”

There are eight categories including: Young Carer / Senior Carer / Caring Partner / Carer-Friendly Workplace / Carer Support Group / Caring Family or Parent / Caring Volunteer or Community Member / Caring School.

The Awards, now in their second year are held in partnership with Carers NSW and the NSW Government.

“It is an excellent opportunity for carers to represent and highlight the needs and issues they face,” said Elena Katrakis, CEO of Carers NSW.

Over 150 recipients from local government areas in NSW will be honoured during NSW Carers Week, celebrated between 16 - 23 October 2011.

Eight ambassadors representing carers from each of the categories will be invited to a state ceremony where the 2011 NSW Carer of the Year will be announced.

**To nominate simply visit [www.adhc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au) between 24 June and 22 July 2011**

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