

Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 28 March 2022

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its first meeting for 2022 at Parliament House on Monday 28 March 2022.

The Council met with the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Services, who acknowledged the Council's continued commitment and support to carers during COVID-19.

This was Minister Maclaren-Jones' first meeting with the Council. Issues raised with the Minister included caring for people with mental health issues and also mental health issues for carers; privacy legislation and the impact of this on carers being treated as partners in care of those they care for; and primary health networks in regional NSW and the limited timely access to services.

The Council also received an informative presentation from Deloitte Consulting about gender inequality in retirement incomes and how multiple actions are required from government, employers, the superannuation industry and individuals to address this issue.

The Council noted that their series of Conversations with Carers will continue with a Conversation with Young Carers to be held in April 2022 and a Conversation with Carers to be held in May 2022.

Work continues to communicate the findings of the Carers Missing Out report to the government and the non-government sector. The Council has scheduled workshops in early April 2022 to present the report's findings and work with stakeholders on ways to advocate for change.

The Council also received updates from Carers NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice.

The next Council meeting will be held on 27 June 2022.

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