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Carers NSW welcomes the release of the National Carer Strategy

Carers NSW welcomes today's release of the National Carer Strategy by the Australian Government.

As the peak body organisation for Carers in New South Wales it supported the NSW consultations for the National Carer Strategy late last year, and provided a response to the Australian Government's discussion paper on the Strategy.

"There are nearly 850,000 carers in NSW and recommendations under the six priority areas of the Strategy, when implemented, will help improve the caring situation for NSW carers," Elena Katrakis, Carers NSW CEO said.

The priority areas are – Recognition and Respect, Information and Access, Economic Security, Services for Carers, Education and Training, Health and Wellbeing, and each has several initiatives to better support carers.

"Carers NSW has long been advocating for improved services and support for carers through the NSW and Australian Governments to increase their economic and health and wellbeing, to enable them to continue in the workforce, and to reduce the social isolation associated with caring," Elena Katrakis, Carers NSW CEO said.

"The Strategy's focus on recognition of carers and its proposed national campaign will help increase the community's awareness of the role of carers, as well as encouraging people with caring responsibilities to seek assistance and support."

"Carers NSW is hopeful that this Strategy and its implementation will influence changes for all carers in NSW and across the country."

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