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Carers NSW welcomes support of report recommendations

Carers NSW welcomes the NSW Government's support for all 55 recommendations outlined in the Standing Committee on Social Issues' Report on *Services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care*.

An important recommendation included in the report, and supported by the NSW Government, was recognising the need to support those families who are waiting for supported accommodation.

The report recommendation states that Ageing, Disability and Home Care is to regularly communicate with all families on the Register of Requests for Supported Accommodation to assess their eligibility for supported accommodation, communicate how long the anticipated wait is and to ensure that families receive an appropriate level of support while waiting for accommodation.

Carers NSW CEO Elena Katrakis said, "It's particularly pleasing to see the NSW Government support this recommendation. Carers NSW believes it is important that this recommendation is followed through to ensure that these families receive the support they need."

As the peak organisation for carers in New South Wales, Carers NSW commends the significant investment being provided through *Stronger Together 2* and the reform agendas currently being implemented in the disability sector, particularly the introduction of person centred approaches.

"This is a time of great hope for people with a disability, their families and carers. Carers NSW is hopeful that these recommendations and their implementation will influence changes for all carers in NSW," Ms Katrakis said.

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