

Media Release



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Government launches the NSW Carers Strategy

Today marks a significant occasion for carers across New South Wales as The Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, John Ajaka officially launched the NSW Carers Strategy.

The Strategy is a five-year plan designed to improve the position of around 850,000 people across the state who are looking after a family member or a friend with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who is frail.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis, said, "The strategy has been designed so that government, non-government organisations, the community and corporate sector can work in partnership to deliver better outcomes and support for carers."

"Its development is the result of extensive consultation, with a large number of participants, sharing ideas on how government, corporate and community groups could provide practical solutions to address the needs of carers."

"The launch of the NSW Carers Strategy is a landmark occasion and another step towards the increasing recognition of carers in New South Wales"

The NSW Carers Strategy focuses on the five key areas of;

- Employment and education
- Carer health and wellbeing
- Information and community awareness
- Carer engagement
- Improving the evidence base

Carers NSW and the Ministry of Health are key partners who will assist the Department of Family and Community Services in delivering 16 projects over five years as part of the strategy.

Further information:

For further information on the NSW Carers Strategy, go to; www.carers.nsw.gov.au

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