

# Media Release



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## Placing NSW carers' needs at the summit

The NSW Government will today host the NSW Carers Strategy Summit which is to be addressed by The Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, John Ajaka.

The Summit is the first of its kind and the final stage of a collaborative process to develop a NSW Carers Strategy. The Strategy will set the direction for NSW Government policy and aims to improve the lives of carers in this state.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis, said, "Today's Summit is a landmark event and the final step in a collaborative approach which has seen co-design workshops bring together the ideas from a whole range of stakeholders"

"Today celebrates the culmination of much hard work and the Summit will bring together best ideas to inform solutions, ensuring carer opinions remain at the forefront of the agenda".

A number of stakeholders including carers, government, non-government, corporate and industry representatives have been involved in the process for developing the strategy, and Carers NSW has worked closely with our partners to ensure the voices of carers are heard.

Carers NSW is an association for people who provide informal care and support to a family member or friend experiencing disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness, or who is frail.

Carers NSW supports and advocates for carers in NSW, and is the only state-wide organisation that has all carers as its primary focus.

Carers come from all walks of life, cultural backgrounds and age groups and many of us will find ourselves either caring for someone or being cared for at some stage of life. Currently, about one in ten (850,000) people in NSW provide ongoing unpaid support to family or friends.

### Further information:

For further information on the NSW Carers Strategy, or to read the background paper for the, go to; [http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/caring\\_for\\_someone/nsw\\_carers\\_strategy](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/caring_for_someone/nsw_carers_strategy)

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