

## Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 27 June 2022

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its second meeting for 2022 at Parliament House on Monday 27 June 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' second meeting with the Council. Issues raised with the Minister included the Carers Missing Out report and opportunities to advocate for change nationally, Conversations with Carers project, transition through life as a carer and the various government systems to be navigated, and the announcement of the inclusion of carers in the 2022-23 NSW budget initiative to support women to Return to Work.

The Council received a presentation on the Department of Communities and Justice Code of Ethical Conduct which has been adopted by Council.

The Council also received an informative presentation from the four NSW Carer Gateway service providers about the services of the Gateway. Carer Gateway providers clarified the services provided and answered questions raised by council members.

The Council noted that their series of Conversations with Carers will continue with a Conversation with regional and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) carers to be held in October 2022.

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

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

The next Council meeting will be held on 12 September 2022. Contact: [NSWCarersAdvisoryCouncilSecretariat@facns.gov.au](mailto:NSWCarersAdvisoryCouncilSecretariat@facns.gov.au)