

## Communique - Carers Advisory Council

## Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 5 June 2023

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its second meeting for 2023 on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Council met with the Hon Jodie Harrison MP, Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault who acknowledged the Council's continued commitment and support for carers.

This was Minister Harrison's first meeting with the Council. Issues raised with the Minister include homelessness and access to secure housing, lack of access to medical services particularly in regional areas, and the accessibility requirements of the National Construction Code.

The Council received an informative presentation from the Mental Health Commissioner, Ms Catherine Lourey, about the work of the Mental Health Commission.

Ms Lourey participated in a productive discussion about the findings of the Carers Missing Out report to determine opportunities for further advocacy.

The Council is planning to hold a new series of Conversations with Carers.

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

The next Council meeting is scheduled for 18 September 2023.

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