

## Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 1 March 2021

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its first meeting of 2021 via videoconference on Monday 1 March 2021.

The Council met with Hon. Gareth Ward, Minister for Families, Communities and Disabilities Services to discuss multiple issues affecting carers including Seniors Regional Travel Card, Aged Care Royal Commission report and the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations to carers.

Minister Ward also acknowledged the Council's excellent submission on Independent Assessment to the National Disability Insurance Agency, submitted in February 2021.

At the meeting Council also discussed their research project on Carers Missing Out which is being finalised by the UNSW Social Policy Research Centre, and Council's involvement in the governance and implementation of the Carers Strategy 2020-2030.

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

Council has a planning day on 3 May 2021 and its next formal Council meeting will be on 5 July 2021.

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