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Carers Australia Welcomes New CEO

Carers Australia Chairperson Mr Steve Sant is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Alison Brook as Chief Executive Officer for the national peak body organisation, effective 8 May 2022.

Ms Brook comes from Relationships Australia Canberra and Region where she is the CEO managing 160 staff across six centres covering the ACT, NSW Riverina, the far south coast of NSW and surrounding regions.

Ms Brook has extensive national peak body experience having been the National Executive Officer for Relationships Australia for nine years, where she worked advocating for the eight state and territory federation members, with Commonwealth funders and parliamentarians.

Mr Sant said, "This experience has provided Alison with a unique perspective both as a leader of a national peak organisation and as a member of that organisation which I believe will help her continue our work to continue to build a strong and effective National Carer Network".

The appointment of the new CEO will coincide with the 2022 federal election, giving Carers Australia an opportunity to work closely with the new government under Ms Brooks' leadership.

"It would be my absolute privilege to continue to contribute to communities around Australia, and to lead a team of professionals committed to people who care for others in our Australian society," said Ms Brook.

The Carers Australia board also acknowledges Ms Melanie Cantwell for her contribution and composed leadership as acting Chief Executive Officer during this time.

About Carers Australia and the National Carer Network

Carers Australia is the national peak body representing Australia's carers, advocating to influence policies and services at a national level. The National Carer Network, which consists of Carers NSW, Carers ACT, Carers Victoria, Carers Tasmania, Carers SA, Carers WA, Carers NT, and Carers Queensland, deliver a range of essential carer services across states and territories.

About carers

An informal, unpaid carer is a family member or friend that cares for someone who has a disability, chronic or life-limiting illness, is frail aged, has a mental health illness, alcohol or other drug related issue. Informal carers are distinct from paid support workers who are colloquially also called carers but are fully employed and remunerated with all the benefits of employment. Conversely, family and friend carers perform their caring duties without remuneration.

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