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Few budget measures support carers

An increased cost of living and an ageing population mean support for carers is critical, urgent, and lacking in this Federal Budget.

Carers Australia is disappointed that there are few measures in the 2025 Federal Budget that specifically support carers.

Though investment in hospitals, prescription medication, Medicare, the NDIS, and even childcare all trickle down to some carers, a modest investment of \$596.75 million in five areas would be a game-changer for the entire cohort.

- [Cost-of-living support](#) – Increase the Carer Supplement and index it against inflation.
- [Superannuation modelling](#) – Carers require long-term financial security.
- An expansion of the [Young Carer Bursary](#) – Support young carers so they can stay and thrive in school.
- An investment in [Carer-Inclusive Workplaces](#) – Don't push valued employees, who are also carers, out of paid work.
- [Carer recognition](#) from the start of a health journey – Train health professionals to identify and support carers.

“Carers need action now, and we’re asking everyone on the ballot to commit to a better deal for carers,” says Annabel Reid, CEO of Carers Australia.

Details on Carers Australia’s five election asks can be found [online](#), along with additional information and supports relevant to carers. Carers Australia is also collaborating with Sydney-based advocacy group [Do Gooder](#) to facilitate direct email communication between carers and candidates, allowing carers to submit their election requests.

“The estimated replacement value of unpaid care in Australia is over \$77.9 billion a year,” says Reid. “We’re asking for 0.76 percent of that.”

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About Carers Australia

[Carers Australia](#) is the national peak body representing Australia’s carers, advocating to influence policies and services at a national level.

About carers

An informal carer is someone who cares for a family member or friend with 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.

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