

## Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 30 August 2021

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its second meeting of 2021 via videoconference on Monday 30 August 2021.

The Council met with the Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disabilities Services, who acknowledged Council's continued commitment and support to carers during COVID-19.

This was Minister Henskens first meeting with his Council and the focus of the discussion was on the difficulties currently being faced by carers and care recipients with obtaining information on and accessing the COVID-19 vaccine.

Minister Henskens was provided with information about the Council's recently drafted report, *Carers missing out A scoping study following the introduction of the NDIS*.

The Council aim to launch the report during Carers Week in October 2021.

Council discussed their concerns that carers do not accrue superannuation for the work they do as unpaid carers. Council also discussed how they plan to adapt their project, *Conversations with Carers*, to reflect restrictions due to the current lockdown.

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

Council's next formal meeting will be on 25 October 2021.

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