



# Queensland Carers Advisory Council

## Meeting Communique

### Meeting 14 May 2018

The Queensland Carers Advisory Council met on 14 May 2018. This was the first meeting of the newly appointed Council for the next two year term.

The Council's membership includes four carers (one a grandparent carer), four representatives of organisations that support carers (including one that supports grandparent carers) and representatives from four Queensland Government departments that provide significant support or services for carers.

Carers attending the meeting were Teresa Pilbeam, Semah Mokak-Wischki, Louise Jessop and Kirsty Buckley. Organisational representatives were Debra Cottrell (Carers Queensland), Gary Bourke (Arafmi Queensland) and Sarah Mitchell (Centacare).

The Departments of Health; Education; Justice and Attorney-General; and Communities, Disability Services and Seniors were also represented.

Members endorsed the Council's Terms of Reference which outlines the purpose and operating guidelines of the Council and Code of Conduct for members.

The main focus of the first meeting was development of a work plan for the Council to identify priorities and actions over the next two years.

Members discussed a number of issues for consideration including: carers' health and wellbeing, visibility of carers, impact of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, carer legislation and policy, elderly carers and succession planning, grandparent carers, data collection, and the intersection between state and Australian Government services.

A draft work plan will be prepared with input from members.

