

FACT SHEET

Carer Recognition Bill 2022

The Carer Recognition Bill 2022 will formally recognise, promote and value the significant contribution of carers in the Tasmanian community.

The Bill recognises the over 80 000 Tasmanians who provide support to family members and friends as unpaid and informal carers.

Carers play a significant role in our community. However, many of us are not aware of the enormous contribution carers make, or fully appreciate the challenges they face every day.

A person can become a carer at any point in their life journey – as a child, a young person, an adult or a retiree. It might be your family, and it might be your neighbour.

Carers provide support to their loved ones because of disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol issues, dementia, or health conditions - from chronic illness, frailty in ageing, to palliative care.

Carers deserve recognition for what they do in our communities and for their intrinsic value in our society and it is important that they are recognised and respected as individuals as well as key partners in the broader care support network.

This Bill includes a Carers Charter and the ongoing implementation of a Tasmanian Carer Action Plan. It also sets out the obligations of Tasmanian Government Agencies to monitor and report in relation to the Carers Charter and the Tasmanian Carer Action Plan and a five-yearly legislation review.