

Carers Recognition Act 2004

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The *Carers Recognition Act 2004* includes the Carers Charter which provides clear direction on how carers are to be treated and how carers are to be involved in the planning and delivery of services.

The Western Australian Carers Charter

Carers must be treated with respect and dignity.

The role of carers must be recognised by including carers in the assessment, planning, delivery and review of services that impact on them and the role of carers.

The views and needs of carers must be taken into account along with the views, needs and best interests of people receiving care when decisions are made that impact on carers and the role of carers.

Complaints made by carers in relation to services that impact on them and the role of carers must be given due attention and consideration.



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Carers Advisory Council

The Carers Advisory Council has been established as required under the *Carers Recognition Act 2004* to:

- work to advance the interests of carers and promote the Carers Charter;
- report on compliance with the Carers Charter;
- make recommendations to improve compliance with the Carers Charter;
- provide general advice to the Minister for Seniors on matters relating to carers; and
- carry out other functions as directed by the Minister for Seniors.

The Carers Advisory Council also receives annual reports from the Department of Health, the Disability Services Commission and public hospitals on their performance and compliance with the legislation.

Council then prepares a report for the Minister for Seniors to table in the WA Parliament.



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