

Expression of Interest Package – Minister’s Carer Advisory Council

Expressions of interest now open for up to FIVE members. Closing Date: **31 January 2023**

MCAC provides advice, information and insights about issues affecting carers to assist in the development and delivery of informed, effective and evidence-based policy, programs and projects to support and recognise unpaid carers.

MCAC will play a key role in monitoring the implementation of [Supporting Tasmanian Carers: Tasmania’s Carer Action Plan 2021-2024](#) and annual Tasmanian Government Agency reporting requirements.

To find out more about MCAC, and what’s involved in being a member, refer to:

- MCAC Frequency Asked Questions, and
- The MCAC Terms of Reference.

Copies can also be obtained by contacting Community Partnerships and Priorities by telephone or email (see details below).

How to Apply

1. Complete the expression of interest form;
AND
2. Attach your resume with information on relevant experience, member of related organisations (professional, voluntary or community) and current or previous appointments to boards or committees. Please note that a resume is not a requirement.

Submit your completed expression of interest package via:

- email: carers.actionplan@dpac.tas.gov.au
- post: Minister’s Carer Advisory Council
Community Partnerships and Priorities
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 123
HOBART TAS 7001

Applications in alternative formats including audio or video files are welcome. Please contact Community Partnerships and Priorities on 03 6232 7581.

Need more information?

Contact Community Partnerships and Priorities on 03 6232 7581, or email carers.actionplan@dpac.tas.gov.au.

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Frequently Asked Questions – Minister’s Carer Advisory Council

What does the Minister’s Carer Advisory Council do?

The Minister’s Carer Advisory Council (MCAC) has been established by the Minister for Community Services and Development as a reference point for the Tasmanian Government on issues affecting unpaid carers.

The role and function of MCAC is to:

- Provide expert advice to inform Tasmanian Government responses to carer issues;
- Provide feedback on Tasmanian Government policies, programs, services and initiatives that address and respond to carer issues;
- Identify issues faced by carers and the services that support carers;
- Support the sharing of information between the Tasmanian Government, Australian Government and key community sector organisations; and
- Provide advice and assist in monitoring the implementation of and reporting on [Supporting Tasmanian Carers: Tasmania’s Carer Action Plan 2021-2024](#) and the *Carer Recognition Bill 2022*.

Supporting Tasmanian Carers is a whole-of-government policy that focuses on supporting access to services and participation in the community, enhancing the recognition of carers, and ensuring carer’s voices are considered in the development of Tasmanian Government policy and programs.

The Australian Government is the primary provider of funding and services for carers, *Supporting Tasmanian Carers* seeks to complement, and not duplicate services.

Who can be a member of MCAC?

MCAC is chaired by the Minister for Community Services and Development and will have up to five community members that have lived experience of caring. A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who:

- has disability;
- has mental ill health;
- has a chronic or life-limiting condition;
- has alcohol or other drug dependence;
- is frail or aged; or
- is a child, if the person is an informal kinship carer of the child.

Applicants must have lived experience of caring to apply for a position on the MCAC.

What do MCAC community members do?

MCAC community members:

- attend meetings with the Minister for Community Services and Development and senior Tasmanian and Australian Government staff;

- provide advice on government policy in collaboration with their MCAC colleagues;
- review annual reports from Tasmanian Government agencies on progress with the implementation of [Supporting Tasmanian Carers: Tasmania's Carer Action Plan 2021-2024](#) and annual reporting requirements.
- contribute to working group projects, submissions and reports prepared on behalf of MCAC; and
- liaise and consult with their networks to keep informed about the issues affecting Tasmanian carers.

How does MCAC work?

MCAC will meet three times a year with the Minister for Community Services and Development. MCAC meetings are anticipated to be one hour in duration and take place during normal business hours. These meetings will be held in Hobart with the capacity to join online.

Out-of-session business (for example, reading documents, providing feedback and liaising with networks) may take between two and five hours per month.

Most of MCACs out-of-session work is conducted by email. Hard copies of e-mails and attachments can be sent to members by post and can be provided in a variety of formats.

How long are MCAC community members appointed for?

Community members are appointed for a two-year term.

Are community members paid to serve on MCAC?

Participation on MCAC is voluntary. MCAC community members are reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with their membership, including travel, meals and accommodation.