



# National Carer Strategy Reference Group

## Meeting summary - 5 August 2026

The first meeting of the National Carer Strategy Reference Group was held online and chaired by Mr Ross Schafer from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Members discussed the role of the Reference Group as an advisory body that provides strategic advice and bringing lived experience perspectives from member's networks to support the implementation of the Strategy.

The meeting's focus was the continued implementation of the National Carer Strategy 2024-2034 and considering priorities for the year ahead.

Key items covered in the first meeting included:

- The Terms of Reference, which will be confirmed with members by the next meeting.
- An overview of the National Carer Strategy 2024-2034.
- The progress of the Action Plan 2024-2027.
- Discussion on the Reference Group's priority areas for 2026-2027.

The next meeting of the National Carer Strategy Reference Group will be held later in 2026.