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Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Committee Chair

Re: Inquiry into the Social Security Amendment (Improved Child to Adult Transfer for Carer Payment and Carer Allowance) Bill 2022

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on Inquiry into the Social Security Amendment (Improved Child to Adult Transfer for Carer Payment and Carer Allowance) Bill 2022.

The Disability Council NSW (the 'Council') is a statutory body that provides independent advice to the Minister for Disability Services on matters that affect people with disability in NSW, as well as their families and carers.

The Council has reviewed the draft Bill and generally supports the proposed changes to ensure all eligible carers have a smooth transition from the child to adult carer payment and carer allowance.

While the Council welcomes changes to promote equitable and continuous access to payments, the process remains complicated. We recommend changes to the Act be accompanied by a comprehensive implementation process including targeted, accessible communication to ensure all recipients are adequately informed of changes, and understand the assessment process, required documentation and key timeframes.

The Council recognises the importance of the inquiry and welcomes measures to support carers in their important role.

We again thank you for the invitation to provide our feedback on the amendments and for consideration of the suggestions we have made.

Yours faithfully

Jane Spring
Disability Council NSW Chair