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CALD CARERS

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- The terms of reference have included the term particular groups but does not specify CALD groups. This is a major gap in the terms of reference
- Social isolation of carers should be reported on
- Significant health issues both psychological and physical of carers
- Barriers to accessing services for carers
- Financial issues for carers
- CALD carers do not understand the term carer respite as they see caring as their role and duty and do not feel they need a break from it, it is a different perception to the mainstream community
- Carers have no accumulated savings and superannuation for retirement
- One carer is equivalent to 3 fulltime workers. A carer works for 24 hours with no breaks or annual leave
- Carers have major barriers to educational opportunities there needs to be additional funding to an educational supplement via Centrelink to encourage carers to further their education and opportunities.
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