



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### New Zealand Carers' Strategy Action Plan for 2019 to 2023: Release for Consultation

Portfolio                      Social Development

On 29 May 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1        **noted** that the new draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan 2019 – 2023 (draft Action Plan) is being developed in partnership with the Carers Alliance and with relevant agencies;
- 2        **noted** that for the purpose of the Carers' Strategy, carers are people who support family, whānau and friends with a disability, illness, injury, or health condition, and who need assistance with day-to-day living;
- 3        **noted** that the draft Action Plan responds to carer priorities and increasing demand for care and government support, and has an additional focus on four target populations: Māori, Pacific, and younger and older carers;
- 4        **noted** that the draft Action Plan proposes initiatives across four key areas identified by carers as being important:
  - 4.1      recognition: recognising carers and their contributions;
  - 4.2      navigation: ensuring carers receive support and services;
  - 4.3      support: caring for carers – supporting wellbeing and building skills;
  - 4.4      balance: supporting paid work, study and other interests;
- 5        **approved** the public consultation process, including release of the discussion document attached under SWC-19-SUB-0057, to support engagement on the draft Action Plan;
- 6        **authorised** the Minister for Social Development to make minor editorial, design and formatting changes to the draft Action Plan as required prior to public release;
- 7        **noted** that the Minister for Social Development intends to report to SWC with a final Carers' Strategy Action Plan for 2019 to 2023 by November 2019;

8 **noted** that, in line with the government's priority focus on people who are earning, learning, caring, and volunteering, relevant portfolio Ministers will be invited to co-sign the final Action Plan in November 2019.

Gerrard Carter  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Julie Anne Genter  
Jan Logie, MP

**Officials present from:**

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Officials Committee for SWC

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