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Carers ACT Submission to the Inquiry into the Disability Inclusion Bill

Carers ACT welcomes the Disability Inclusion Bill 2024 and fully supports its intent to ensure that people with disability are afforded the same rights of inclusion and participation as other members of the community. Our support extends to the formation of disability inclusion strategies and plans, including the priority inclusion areas.

We are pleased that the feedback previously provided by Carers ACT has been applied to the development of this Bill; most notably that public sector entities must consult with carers when developing or reviewing disability inclusion plans, and that the Disability Advisory Council must include one member with experience of being a carer for a person with disability.

These inclusions align with the *Carers Recognition Act 2021* (ACT) and ensure that carers can continue to support the rights of the people with disability that they care for, while also having their own rights upheld.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this Bill and commend the consultation that the Bill's sponsor, Suzanne Orr, has undertaken over the last two years to develop legislation that adequately considers and promotes the rights and dignity of every person within our community.

We look forward to the passing of this Bill and for the opportunity for carer views to continue to be considered throughout the Bill's implementation, and in the development and review of inclusion strategies and plans.

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