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The DPP ACT, recognises and values carers and care relationships as defined under the *Carers Recognition Act 2021*.

Whilst the DPP does not provide programs or services specific to carers within the community, the office does support complainants, victims and witnesses as they engage with the criminal justice system. Part of this support is provided by a Disability Liaison Officer whose main function is to ensure those with a disability, their carers and family members have access to appropriate resources and information whilst feeling recognised throughout their interactions with the DPP.

The DPP maintains support for staff and their family members by offering a specialised Employee Assistance Program via Life Unlimited and their highly talented team. The unique service provided by Life Unlimited is a specifically targeted approach to assist with the issues that arise with vicarious trauma, something that is prevalent in the work that is performed by a prosecution service such as ours.

The office supports staff through enterprise agreement provisions and provides flexibility in the form of hybrid working arrangements where possible, to assist staff who are managing caring requirements.