



Carers ACT Election Campaign Report-Card

Our election campaign, *An ACT that Cares for Carers*, was launched on 24 August 2016 at the National Convention Centre. Our key ask this election is that the incoming government show its commitment to carers and caring families and implement an **ACT Carers Strategy**. The three major ACT political parties participated in the launch and their policy platforms are outlined below. You can also read our campaign booklet [here](#)

Liberal Party Response

- The Canberra Liberals have announced a commitment to the development of a comprehensive Carer Strategy to guide whole of government action through a dedicated policy.
- Have committed to engage with Carers ACT in the development of an ACT Carers Strategy and work in partnership to identify and set priority focus areas to support carers' needs.
- The Canberra Liberals have stated that they want to ensure any priority focus areas are established with strong evidence and quantifiable data focused on the role of carers in the ACT
- No further funding will be committed.

Labor Party Response

- ACT Labor have committed to developing a Carers Strategy.
- Labor will commit \$250 000 toward the development of an ACT Carers Strategy comprising \$200 000 in funding and \$50 000 in 'in-kind' support, such as public service staffing and coordination.
- The priority areas, as outlined in the Carers ACT booklet *An ACT that Cares for Carers*, align with the priorities of the ACT government and will be areas considered in the development of an ACT strategy

Greens Party Response

- ACT Greens support Carers ACT's call for a Carers Strategy and will work to ensure that the incredible contribution carers make to our community is recognised.
- They support comprehensive engagement with the carer community in the development of the Carers Strategy to ensure that it is informed by those most affected and is based on the lived experience of carers.
- In the longer term, ACT Greens recognise the need for more than a Carer Strategy and intend to push for a real commitment in resources to support the strategy if elected to the Assembly.