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## **A new approach to carers**

1. A carer's access to government assistance should not be reduced by changes to his or her total asset base, including property and cash, so long as that base doesn't increase beyond the level that existed when they became a carer, indexed for inflation.
2. Adequate training and support should be provided by government for carers.
3. Improved advocacy services should be available to help carers access the services and financial assistance that suits their situation and family needs.
4. Carers payments should be increased by the superannuation guarantee levy, and paid for by the Government, to address the current inequity of retirement incomes and savings.
5. Services should be properly resourced and coordinated for carers across jurisdictions and care sectors to ensure that carers, and those they care for, receive the benefits of these services.