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### **Budget Boost for Carers Welcome**

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has welcomed today's announcement of a billion dollar Budget package to fund disability services and increase support for carers.

The Prime Minister's announcement meets Labor's election commitment of \$900 million for the Commonwealth, State and Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA), and includes an extra \$100 million in capital funding to build more supported accommodation for people with a disability.

"People with disabilities are some of the most vulnerable people in our community," Ms Grierson said.

"Families and carers often make great sacrifices in a physically and emotionally demanding role."

"Today's announcement is recognition of the vital role they play in our community."

"In particular, the extra capital funding will help to give carers peace of mind that supported accommodation will be more available in the future when they may be no longer able to play a full-time carer role."

Ms Grierson will also tomorrow host the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities & Children's Services, Bill Shorten, for consultations in Newcastle on the National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy.

The strategy is looking at addressing the barriers people with disability and mental illness face in gaining and retaining a job.

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