

Care and Support Economy Taskforce
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Dear Taskforce Members,

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) advocates for the Catholic Church's social service ministry and is the peak body for Catholic social service providers, including CatholicCares and Centacares in dioceses across the nation and providers such as Mackillop Family Services, Marist 180, and Jesuit Social Services.

Our members work to support a cohesive, inclusive, and just society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, flourish and develop their full potential. CSSA's work is underpinned by Catholic Social Teachings principles: solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, the rights of workers, the dignity of work, and protection and care for the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Draft National Care and Support Economy Strategy 2023*. CSSA members provide a wide range of services across the social services sector, including within the scope of this Strategy, early childhood education and care, community aged care, and disability support.

Please see the CSSA feedback document attached. Please contact the principal author, CSSA Government Relations and Policy Officer Ron Johnson, (ron.johnson@cssa.org.au) if you require any clarification or further information.

Yours sincerely,

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