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Richard Newman
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Dear Mr Newman

Thank you for your sharing your 2025 WA State Election priorities with me.

The Greens (WA) recognise Carers WA's outstanding work to improve carer's lives and ensure carers get the support and recognition they deserve for the critical roles they play in their families and communities.

After the election, the new Greens (WA) Parliamentary team will proudly work with you to push the Government to implement each of your election priorities, including:

- Introducing a WA Carer Card to give carers targeted financial support (such as concessions and discounts), a means of verifying their carer identity, and recognition for the significant contribution they make.
- Providing up to \$400,000 in grants each year to carers who are navigating hardship or who need a break.
- Creating a service program to help carers navigate the maze of services.
- Increasing supports and recognition for WA Carers.
- Reviewing and replacing the outdated 2016 WA Carers Strategy with a new strategy which is up to date, contains quantitative measures, and builds on the National Carers Strategy and work already undertaken by Carers WA.

In addition to supporting Carers WA election asks, The Greens (WA) and Australian Greens policies acknowledge the financial and personal costs that carers often assume and believe that they should be rewarded and recognised to prevent economic and social disadvantage to all carers.

We support the rights of family carers who wish to work in paid employment to be able to do so free from workplace discrimination and employer prejudice. Carers and their families should be able to actively participate in policy, service planning and delivery.

I'm proud to have been a co-convenor of Parliamentary Friends of Grandparent Carers during this past parliamentary term and our efforts to help raise awareness amongst my fellow parliamentarians about the important work carers do. Thank you for the invaluable role Carers WA played in those efforts.

The Greens look forward to working with you during the next Parliamentary term to fight for these important initiatives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BPettitt', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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