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Dear Richard

Thank you for your recent email outlining the Carers WA's priorities for the 2025 WA State Election. WA Labor values the views of Carers WA and recognises the contribution your organisation makes to the WA community, and in supporting carers across the State.

WA Labor has a long-standing commitment to supporting all types of carers and successive Labor Governments have prioritised the needs of those who have caring responsibilities. We have delivered a range of initiatives that are aimed at providing additional support to carer groups including:

- Boosting the Grandcarer Support Scheme to \$1,000 per year for each grandchild – almost tripling support for eligible grandcarers with two or more grandchildren.
- Providing one-off cost of living payments to grandcarers, foster carers, family carers and special guardian carers - which provided \$500 for the first child in their care, and a further \$250 for each additional child.
- Supporting more children and young people to participate in sport and recreation by increasing KidSport vouchers for children in the care of grandcarers and foster and family carers from \$300 to \$500.
- Delivering more than \$1 million to Carers WA to ensure carers have access to support services and programs.

We know there's more to do and we are committed to continuing to work with the Western Australian carer community and organisations who advocate on their behalf. Only a re-elected Cook Labor Government will do what's right for WA by continuing to work with organisations like Carers WA and invest in the support and recognition of carers.

Yours sincerely

Hon Roger Cook MLA
Premier; Leader of WA Labor

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