

MORE SUPPORT FOR CARERS

- An additional \$80 million will be provided over the next four years to boost in-home respite care for carers of people suffering from dementia.
- Approximately half of all people with dementia live in the community with ongoing support from their carers. This initiative further recognises the vital role carers play in modern Australia.
- A further 133,000 days of respite a year will be accessible for carers in our community through this initiative.
- The expansion of funding for carers follows the success of the Government's \$280 million Staying at Home package of care and support for older Australians.
- The Coalition has extended support for carers in every Budget since elected. Even at a time when hard decisions were necessary as to spending priorities, carers have been at the forefront of the Coalition's social policy.
- The additional \$80 million will be managed through the National Respite for Carers Programme and allocated to those in need by the highly successful Carer Respite Centres. Under the Coalition the network of Centres has expanded to 73.
- Only the Coalition has a plan for carers to build a stronger Australia.