

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE ACT

Carers ACT welcomes the appointment of Dr Elizabeth Moore to the position of Coordinator-General for the Office of Mental Health, as announced today by the Minister for Mental Health, Mr Shane Rattenbury.

Carers ACT CEO Lisa Kelly said that Dr Moore's collaborative approach and commitment to raising awareness of mental health issues, promoting mental health recovery and supporting youth mental health aligns strongly with the aims of Carers ACT.

"As the peak body for mental health carers in the ACT, we have a strong focus on improving mental health services for carers and their families and ensuring their voice in policy formation and systemic change," said Ms Kelly.

"Dr Moore shares our philosophy of collaboration and inclusion in working with peak sector organisations to achieve results for mental health consumers and their carers. This supports the collaborative work already happening on recent projects such as the *My Rights, My Decisions* kit, the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan, establishment of the Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing, the new Adult Community Mental Health Model of Care and the new Recovery College."

"Dr Moore's 25 years of clinical and administrative experience in the sector will be a great asset to the community and we look forward to working with her and ACT Health in continuing to enhance mental health services and supports for carers and people living with mental health conditions. We congratulate Dr Moore on her appointment."

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