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VISION	To ensure the voice of South Australian Foster & Kinship Carers is heard and considered by the Minister for Child Protection in reform of the child protection and family support system.				
MISSION	To provide a dedicated platform for the carer voice to be heard by the Minister for Child Protection on issues crucial to improving the child protection and family support system and the rights and experiences of foster and kinship carers.				
STRATEGIC THEMES	Engage in systemic advocacy to have the voice of foster and kinship carers heard by the Minister in reform of the child protection and family support system.	Consult with the broader carer community through clear consultative mechanisms on the topics before the Carer Council in order to provide feedback representative of the broad carer demographic.	Keep the carer community informed on the work of the Carer Council through providing regular updates and closing the loop on any valuable feedback received through consultative processes.		
PURPOSE AND FUNCTION	Provide strategic advice to the Minister for Child Protection on matters related to foster and kinship care, and the child protection and family support system in South Australia.	Contribute to the design of policy, practice and legislative reform of the child protection and family support system in relation to kinship and foster care.	Fairly represent the voices of the breadth of foster and kinship carers in SA through clear consultative mechanisms.	Work collaboratively with government partners, non-government partners and community	Provide a framework for carers to contribute to policy and legislative change.
KEY AUDIENCES	The Honorable Minister for Child Protection	Foster & Kinship Carers	Department for Child Protection	Non-government Out of Home Care family-based providers	Supporters of Foster & Kinship Carers
VALUES	Grace Empathy Honesty Respect Love Trust				
POSITIONING	The Carer Council is a Minister-appointed advisory council administered by Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers – SA Inc, the peak body for SA foster and kinship carers. The Council membership consists of twelve appointed foster and kinship carers.				