



Please help us to collect information from Family Carers of people with dementia

Access Economics has been commissioned to prepare a report titled 'Dementia: costs to business and carers, and workforce impacts' that provides governments with positively focused advice on longer term sustainable care options. It is expected that this will offer Australians choice and support in caring for people with dementia in the future. The report will consider the effectiveness of different forms of carer support, consumer support for different models of care, and ways of addressing the future needs of the dementia caring workforce.

How might you help?

As part of this study, Access Economics would like people **who are currently caring for, or have cared for, someone with dementia** to undertake a survey between 9 June and 13 July. The aim of the survey is to determine the value informal carers place on community care services and residential care services.

The survey will be delivered through the Internet. The aim is to reach a wide range of informal carers who may or may not have used the services of Alzheimer's Australia.

If you are currently caring for, or have cared for, someone with dementia, have access to the Internet, and are happy to complete the survey, please go to the following Internet address to access the survey <http://monaro1.surveymengine.com/aasurvey>

Instructions are provided within the survey, although you can ring Alzheimer's Australia on 1800 882 506 if you have any questions regarding the survey or the context of the study.

Otherwise, please consider completing the online survey next time you visit your local Alzheimer's Australia Dementia and Memory Community Centre.

The survey has two parts.

- The first part uses a type of experiment called 'choice modelling', a survey technique originally developed to determine why people choose different types of products or services. Within the experiment, respondents will be presented with a series of hypothetical community care or residential care options and will be asked to choose the care option they prefer the most.
- The second part of the survey asks information about the respondent, the person with dementia, the impact of providing care on work and personal life, and the reasons for using (or not) formal community care and residential care.

There is no information gathered within the survey that can be used to identify you so responses will remain anonymous. It is expected that it will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

The survey has been developed in consultation with members of the Alzheimer's Australia National Consumer Committee, as well as National Office staff.