



Supporting Veteran Families at Risk

This initiative provides \$0.5 million over four years from 2023-24 to expand eligibility for the Acute Support Package (ASP). Currently the ASP is available to veteran families and widowed partners. This initiative will expand the eligibility to grandparents who are full-time carers for children of veterans. This will ensure that vulnerable children of veterans continue to be supported in times of crisis, with the aim of protecting their wellbeing and reducing long term impact.

The ASP is designed to support families who are experiencing new and challenging life circumstances that mean the family unit needs support to get back on track. Services available include a range of wellbeing and skills-based support services to build capacity and the functioning of the family, such as childcare, counselling for adults and children, household assistance, transport, and wellbeing, academic and extra-curricular support for children.

Why is this important?

This measure provides support for a small but potentially highly vulnerable group; children of veterans in the full-time care of their grandparents.

The ASP helps families to adjust to new or challenging life circumstances. This expansion recognises that some grandparent carers who are providing full-time care to their grandchildren who are the children of veterans may require this assistance. .

Who will benefit?

Grandparents who are the full-time carers of veterans' children will benefit from this initiative. In turn this will benefit the children under their care.

Date of effect?

Ongoing from 1 July 2023.

How much will this cost?

\$0.5 million over four years.