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**An Act to amend the Carers (Recognition) Act 2008 for particular purposes  
[Assented to 5 November 2010]**

## The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Carers (Recognition) Amendment Act 2010*.

### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

### 3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Carers (Recognition) Act 2008*.

### 4 Amendment of s 5 (Definitions)

Section 5, definition *statutory body*—

*omit, insert—*

‘*statutory body* see the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, section 9.’.

### 5 Amendment of s 6 (Meaning of carer)

(1) Section 6(2)—

*renumber* as section 6(4).

(2) Section 6—

*insert—*

‘(2) Also, a grandparent is a *carer* of his or her grandchild if—

(a) the child lives with the grandparent; and

(b) the grandparent is the primary care-giver and decision-maker for the child.

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- ‘(3) However, if a child’s parent or parents remain the primary care-givers and decision-makers for the child, the child’s grandparent is not the child’s carer only because—
- (a) the grandparent cares for the child while the child’s parent or parents are working; or
  - (b) the child, together with the child’s parent or parents, lives with the grandparent.’.
- (3) Section 6(4), as renumbered, ‘However, for’—  
*omit, insert—*  
‘For’.

## **6 Amendment of s 9 (Obligation of public authorities to consider carers charter)**

- (1) Section 9(2)—  
*renumber* as section 9(3).
- (2) Section 9—  
*insert—*
- ‘(2) A public authority, to the extent its internal human resources policies may significantly affect an employee in carrying out the employee’s role as a carer, must ensure the policies are developed taking into consideration the principles of the carers charter.’.

## **7 Amendment of s 10 (Reporting obligations)**

- Section 10(3), definition *annual report*—  
*omit, insert—*  
‘**annual report** see the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, schedule 3.’.

## **8 Amendment of s 14 (Membership)**

- (1) Section 14(1), ‘10’—  
*omit, insert—*

‘12’.

(2) Section 14(3)—

*omit, insert—*

‘(3) Four members must be carers, one of whom must be a grandparent-carer.’.

(3) Section 14—

*insert—*

‘(5) One member must be a representative of grandparent-carers.

‘(6) In this section—

***grandparent-carer*** means a carer mentioned in section 6(2).’.

## **9 Amendment of schedule (The Queensland carers charter)**

(1) Schedule, preamble, after ‘their role as carers; and’—

*insert—*

‘grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren make a significant contribution to the lives of their grandchildren and deserve respect and support for their role as carers; and’.

(2) Schedule, items 10 and 11—

*renumber* as items 12 and 13.

(3) Schedule—

*insert—*

‘10 Grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren, after having raised their own children, should be supported in their important and challenging role.

11 Grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren need easy access to information that is clear and relevant to their role as a carer.’.