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CARER'S PAY RISE AND SUPER CALL

Democrats Senate candidate Ruth Russell has called for Carers Payments to be increased to 75% of the standard minimum wage and for their super to be paid for by the Government.

"Families provide \$30b worth of unpaid care to people with disabilities," Ms Russell told a Carers Forum in Goodwood today.

"That is a massive subsidy to those taxpayers who are not supporting people with disabilities."
"Carers need and deserve our help."

"The Democrats are calling for Carers Payments to be increased to \$383.25 (75% of the standard minimum wage), Carers should also have their superannuation paid for by the Government and their expenses should be tax deductible."

"Carers are doing valuable work for all of us. They deserve respect, recognition and reimbursement," said Ms Russell.

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