Referendums on Family and Care Current and Proposed Wording

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- 2.1 In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved
- 2.2 The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obligated by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home.
- 3.1 The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack
- 3.2 A Court designated by law may grant a dissolution of marriage where, but only where, it is satisfied that
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 - ii. Such provision as the Court considers proper having regard to the circumstances exists or will be made for the spouses, any children of either or both of them and any other person prescribed by law, and
 - iii. Any further conditions prescribed by law are compiled with
- 3.3 Provisions may be made by law for the recognition under the law of the State of a dissolution of marriage granted under civil law of another state

Proposed

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(New) ARTICLE 42B - CARE

The State recognises that the provision of care, by members of a family to one another by reason of the bonds that exist among them, gives to Society a support without which the common good cannot be achieved and shall strive to support such provision