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**SUBMISSION TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH
AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION.**

My daughter was diagnosed with Severe Chronic Paranoid Schizophrenia in 1999. She became ill at 15. She had approximately 25 admissions to hospital. These admissions were usually 3 to 6 months and one lasting 12 months. After her 12 month admission I took her to see Doctor Richard Stuckey and he commenced her on the Bio Balance Advanced Nutrient Therapy program. After approximately 6 months she showed great improvement in her health and eventually reduced her medication by 65%. She continued to improve and was able to start work on a supported wage collecting trolleys at a supermarket. She did this job for approximately 2 years. She then applied for work at Coles and with the assistance of a Disability Support Employment Agency. She has now been working part time in the Deli in Coles Supermarket for nearly 2 years.

My conclusions:

- If my daughter had continued on her mainstream medication she would not be able to work because the amount of medication need to control her symptoms would sedate and impair her ability to work.
- The nutrient program has resulted in greatly reducing her mainstream medication.
- The nutrients have no side effects, in fact one of the side effects of the mainstream medication was persistent constipation and the nutrients completely eliminate this terrible problem.
- I firmly believe it is only the nutrient program that has given back her life. She is living independently, managing most of her own affairs, responsible for her own health and holding down part time employment. She is **NOT** on a supported wage and has to compete in the commonplace work environment to keep her job. Initially she was on a supported wage.
- You should be aware that I am funding the cost of the nutrients which has save the government substantial costs of medication and hospital admissions and bed days.
- If other consumers could receive similar treatment program as my daughter I believe this would go a long way to help their recovery and give them back a life.