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(Inq into better support for carers)

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Subject:

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I cant believe that you have been voted in and have NO Idea what carers need and that you are going to waste yet more resources to run this inquiry.

I would like you to photocopy each recieved submission x 100 for all the other carers that have no energy or time to submit their own.

I want an answer why someone who by their own self inflicted fault, ie drinking,drug use,lack of sleep etc, can have a road accident and be fully covered for any equipment needs and my son, through no fault, has the same high needs and yet I as his mum have to fight for every need to be met.

I would like to know who " price watches " equipment for disabled people and where we can go if we feel the price is unreasonable.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

1. The role and contribution of carers in society

As a carer, I feel that my role is...

Not recognized as employment by the wider community or any of the policy makers. I want it known that my caring role starts at 630 am. I work through until 830am. My second caring shift begins at 330pm until 830 pm. That is mon-fri. sat and sun my hours are 630am through to 830pm. In between these hours I am still working co-ordinating appointments and chasing funds for equipment.

My caring role is 63 hours long for which I am paid by the government a sum of \$100 per fortnight.(Carers Allowance) Then there is also overtime that I get no extra for when we are in hospital or he is unfit for school.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

As a carer, I face the following problems ...

That you don't get the point that I Do have employment. As I just stated my Caring role is

A Fulltime position that I undertake for the amount of \$100 per fortnight.

I also have a Casual Position of 22 hours per fortnight. The pay here is slightly better but if I

Am unable to get there because my son is sick or has an appointment to attend, I don't get any pay.

Tell me why there are no Superannuation payments for my Caring Position.?

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Funding of Modified Vehicles- Why cant it be a retrospective payment. Why cant it be the full cost of conversion?

House modifications- One amount per LIFETIME? Are you serious? Show me any person that is still in the same house that they were in when they were seven?

Respite Options

More information is attached on a separate sheet

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

I think the Government can better help carers by ...

Providing a choice for Care roles. Giving them reassurance that they are able to put

something in place for residential care for when they choose to RETIRE from their position ,

(please note that it is not ABANDONMENT or RELINQUISHING CARE)

Have a Tax Deductable Trust Account that can hold funds for lindividuals when they are trying to fund large amounts.

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Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Print your name

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Date

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