

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 107
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 23/6/08

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 AM 84 YEARS OLD AND STILL STRIVING TO
KEEP MY WIFE (WITH DEMENTIA) AT HOME
AS PER GOVERNMENT WISHES.

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...

TO KEEP MY WIFE FROM DAMAGING HER OWN
HEALTH AND KEEP HER AS CONTENTED AS POSSIBLE
IN THE LAST REMAINING YEARS, BUT THIS IS
EXTREMELY STRESSFUL WORKING UNDER
VERY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

MY AGE IS 84 YEARS AND ALTHOUGH PRETTY FIT
THERE IS LITTLE SOCIAL LIFE REMAINING
FOR ME DUE TO THE DEMANDS OF MY
PARTNER.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

RELIEF FROM THE EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
DRIVING MY WIFE TO AND FROM DAY CARE
CENTRES, DOCTORS, AND NURSING HOME
CENTRES ETC.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

SUPPLYING SUCH THINGS AS TRAVEL PASSES
OR INCREASED CARER ALLOWANCES

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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

STANKY

Date

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