

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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(Inq into better support for carers)

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FAMILY, COMMUNITY,
HOUSING & YOUTH

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 the sole carer of 2 young Adults.
~~who I have~~

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...

"mum" social worker, nurse, Doctor, Teacher.
Taxi Driver cook. friend holiday person
my 2 people don't trust others because of past abuse so I need to
be on call all the time.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

People in Power don't want to listen People judge
you more, lack of Transport in country Lack of Services when needed
long waiting list it is a 24hr job I go without sleep lots of the time
because 1 people are having a bad time

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Keeping my people happy / safe / loved / protected
my people don't feel safe with others because of past history
so they are with me all the time extra money to provide more
fun things for them to do would be great
I don't have an kind of respite

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

more support workers who are well trained and understand
listen to us. we understand these people and everyone is different
we all need different kinds of help.

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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

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Print your name

26th June 08

Date