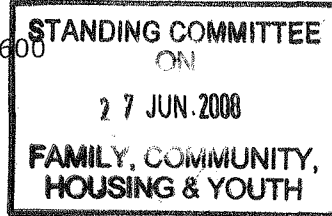


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Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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24/6/07
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Dear Secretary

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

always having to bang harder on the door to have it opened.
People in decision making places do know, but choose to look elsewhere.

I face the following problems ...

- 1) To be able to work again is one thing I would like, but unable due to needing to constantly meet my sons ongoing needs, does not allow regular commitment to others from me.
- 2) To join into society activities is hard, as I need the support & others to understand (which I know is hard for them). We seem to be like aliens who just don't fit.

I need help with ...

Knowing when I'm gone, if my son can't be upfront for himself; who will care & help so he has a quality life. Nothing is simple or easy.

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

Offering better money to pay those who are the therapists etc that way there would be more of them and not a huge red tape waiting list to get one.

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

[Sign your name here]

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