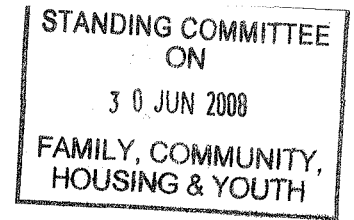


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
PO Box 6021
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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 have recently found myself in the
Role of carer, and I am rapidly coming to realise
the immense job it is, and the huge commitment
required to fulfill the Role.

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 provide the best possible care & comfort
to the person I am caring for, and to minimise
the stress and trauma to both of us, to enable
OUR lives to go forward in a peaceful manner

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

One of the principal problems I face as a
carer is that we live in a country area, not
remote (Central Victoria) but it still presents
problems (transport etc also being a retiree it
is holidaying etc), also arranging carers when I need
some respite

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

The only area I need help at this stage is Home care, when I need some respite. Fortunately in this area we are very well served in this department.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Have Having just taken on the carers Role I am not yet fully qualified to comment on this point, however so far I have been happy with the service I have received (Commonwealth Carers respite centre)(Carers choice vic.)

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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

Date

25/06/08