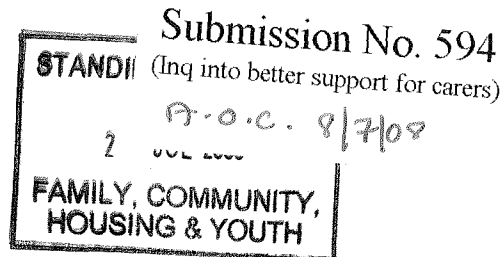


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

Governments need to be aware of the difference
carers make to the general economy.

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 the person I care for in his own home
for as long as is possible

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

- financial - as the person I care about has no
comprehension about money - but his money
is needed to contribute to the home.

- I have very few friends and I mainly meet them
in their homes or a café. I don't feel my home is
socially hospitable when the person I care for is in the
house.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

- financial
- the medical profession to accept that I clearly see the changes occurring in the person I care for - and that they will accept my warnings and act accordingly with relevant medication/hospitalization

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- financial support to covers - annually and fortnightly.
- continued support of carer groups - large & small.
- more respite and accommodation (specialized permanent) for those we care for.

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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

MARGARET

Print your name

28/6/08

Date