

ENQUIRY SECRETARY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ~~COMMITTEE~~  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
CANBERRA 2600



DEAR SECRETARY

Submission No. 648  
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.o.c. 8/7/08

24th JUNE 2008

THIS LETTER IS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MEMBER JOANNA GASH IN HER ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN CONSIDERATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME, CALLED CARERS.

THESE CITIZENS ARE WORTHY OF THIS CAUSE, FOR LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE LESS FORTUNATE THAN THEMSELVES WHO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH HEALTH AND DISABILITES.

MY WIFE 78 AND SELF 86, HAVE OVER THE YEARS BEEN INVOLVED WORKING AS VOLUNTEERS FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CHARITIES, SELLING BOAT RAFFLE TICKETS EACH YEAR OVER 6 MONTHS, TO HELP THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SHOALHAVEN MARINE RESCUE ASSOCIATION AND OTHER EVENTS.

THE ACTIVITIES CAUSED US TO USE SOME OF OUR LIVING EXPENSES IN MUCH BETTER TIMES THAN WHAT EXISTS TODAY.

AT PRESENT, WITH HIGH COST OF FUEL, FOOD AND DAY TO DAY LIVING ITEMS, WE HAVE HAD TO TIGHTEN OUR BUDGET, REDUCE TRAVELLING, SPORTING AND SOCIAL EVENTS, ALSO DONATIONS TO FUND RAISING APPEALS.

WE KNOW THAT MANY CARERS ARE ALSO BEING AFFECTED BY THESE CONDITIONS. HOPING THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP THIS VERY WORTHY APPEAL.

YOURS SINCERELY

BETTY AND HARRY