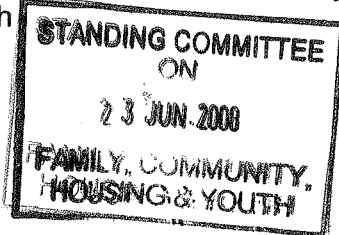


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 310
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.G.C. 30/6/08

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...

As ageing parents of an intellectually disabled person we are concerned about the lack of permanent residential accommodation and the care of our son once we are not able to do it any longer

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...

My role is to care for our disabled son who has an intellectual disability and to give him the best opportunities to develop his potential

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

① I had to give up paid employment because of lack of holiday and afternoon care.

② If my husband and I want to go out, arrangements for a carer has to be made at least a week in advance

③ holidays and shopping with my son is a challenge because of his behavioural problems

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

that Affordable respite and for the time and date we need it.

Counselling for myself and help with my son's behavioural problems

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Providing permanent accommodation for disabled people with ageing parents and an integration period so that both parties can get used to the change

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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

Elize + Stephen

Print your name

20/6/08

Date