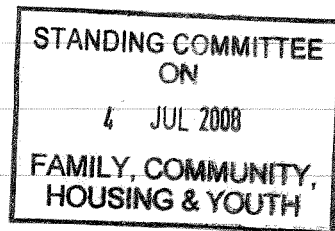


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Submission No. 707

(Inq into better support for carers)



25-6-08

COMMITTEE SECRETARY,
INQUIRY INTO BETTER SUPPORT FOR CARERS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY,
COMMUNITY HOUSING AND YOUTH,
P.O. BOX 6021,
PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
CANBERRA ACT 2600.
THE CLERK ASSISTANT.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER
AS I FEEL STROKE VICTIMS DO NOT GET ENOUGH ASSISTANCE
TO REHABILITATE THROUGH THE NATIONAL HEALTH SCHEME.
AS YOU CAN SEE WE LIVE IN YARRAWONGA VICTORIA. MY WIFE
MARJORIE IS THE STROKE VICTIM; AND I HER HUSBAND
CARE FOR HER AT HOME. THE STROKE HAPPENED ON 30TH SEPT 2004.
MOIRA HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE DO A GREAT JOB BY SHOWERING
HOME CARE RESPITE, AND 3 DAYS A WEEK FOR MEALS ON WHEELS -
PLUS 6 WEEKS REPITE IN A NURSING HOME, ALL PARTLY FUNDED
BY BENETAS. THE REPITE IS SPREAD OVER THE YEAR.
THE PART MY WIFE AND I ARE DELUSION WITH IS
REHABILITATION. WE WERE GETTING TWO-TWO HOURS ONCE A WEEK

(2)

WHICH WAS CUT BACK TO ONCE A FORTNIGHT AT THE WANGARATTA COMMUNITY REHABILITATION. IN THAT TIME HARDLY ANY EXERCISE ON HER ARM - ALL EXERCISE ON HER LEG AND WALKING. THE ROUND TRIP FROM YARRAWONGA TO WANGARATTA APPROX 140 KM OR \$15-00 DOLLARS OF FUEL AT PRESENT PRICES.

MY WIFE DOCTOR

WHO IS ON THE SICK LIST

HERSELF GAVE US A REFERRAL TO YARRAWONGA DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES ON 17-1-08 TO SAVE MARJE AND I TRAVELLING TO WANGARATTA AS SHE THOUGHT IT WAS STUPID, THAT WE HAD TO TRAVEL OUT OF TOWN WITH THE SIZE OF YARRAWONGA GROWING SO RAPIDLY.

WE GOT OUR FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH YARRAWONGA DISTRICT HEALTH ON 31-1-08 WHICH WAS JUST ASSESSMENT TO SEE WHAT MARJE COULD DO BY A JOANNE.

OUR NEXT APPOINTMENT WAS 27-2-08 WAS A INTERVIEW WITH [] SAYING THEY DID NOT HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THE EXERCISES.

27-3-08:

SEMI RETIRES AND DR

TAKES OVER AT YARRAWONGA CLINIC. SHE ASKS MARJE IF SHE IS GETTING ANY REHABILITATION AT YARRAWONGA. THE ANSWER WAS NO. SO DR.

CONTACTS YARRAWONGA DISTRICT HEALTH. THIS TIME WE GET A APPOINTMENT ON 5-5-08 WITH JENNY THE OT GIRL TO CHECK MARJE'S FSPHINTS ON HER LEFT ARM.

ON 8-7-08 WE HAVE A APPOINTMENT WITH ELAINE THE NEW

(3)

REHAB GIRL WANTS TO SEE MARGE 'WE CAN ONLY GUESS
WHAT WILL HAPPENED THIS TIME . AS YOU CAN SEE THERE
IS NO REAL FOLLOW UP WITH YARRAWONGA DISTRICT HEALTH
SERVICES, WHICH DR MARGIE GOULD AND DR SUZANNA LYO ARE
NOT HAPPY WITH INCLUDING OURSELVES .

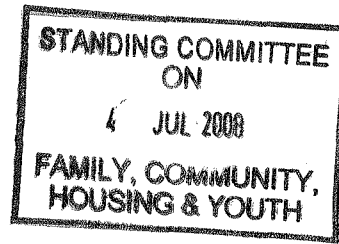
AS I FEEL THAT STROKE VICTIMS ARE PARTLY THROWN OUT
ONTO THE SCRAP HEAP WHEN REHABILITATION COULD BE GIVEN
IN OUR TOWN YARRAWONGA !

AS I AM NEARLY 76 YEARS OF AGE AND MY WIFE 71 YEARS
WE FIND IT A BIG EFFORT TRAVELING TO WANGARATTA ALL THE
TIME

YOURS SINCERELY

CHRIS

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

LACK OF REHABILITATION IN YARRAWONGA
WITH A LETTER ATTACHED

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...

SAVING THE GOVERNMENT A LOT OF MONEY
AND THAT MY WIFE GETS BETTER CARE AT HOME

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

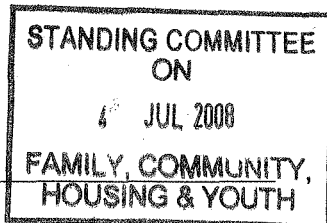
As a carer, I face the following problems ...

FIND IT HARD TO GO TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...



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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH US TO SEE THAT WE
ARE ~~MANAGING~~ COPEING WITH OUR PROBLEMS

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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

Print your name

CHRIS

Date

25-6-08