

Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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FAMILY, COMMUNITY,  
HOUSING & YOUTH

A.O.C. 26/6/08  
Submission No. 171  
(Inq into better support for carers)

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...

All carers need to express their needs /  
concerns for their child with a disability.  
I have 2 children with disabilities

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...

very busy. More respite houses are needed. Also  
what happens if you are the sole carer of the  
child with a disability + something happens to you,  
what happens to the child then. The govt. needs to create  
homes similar to nursing homes but only for children  
with special needs!!

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**2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers**

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

No social life  
exhausted  
No time for husband + other children in family.  
Emotionally + financially drained.  
Not enough support.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

more respite through shires (councils)  
more funding.  
more special schools in areas.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Providing more day & night care for children with special needs.

Easing off a little on the Carers Payment eligibility. The form is ~~ridiculous~~ ridiculous. The fortnightly income threshold is too low. If the mother has to stay home because of a child with a disability then the mother should be able to receive Carers payment.

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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

7.6.08

Date