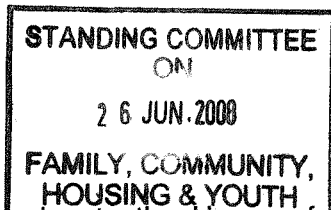


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 516
(Inq into better support for carers)
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Dear 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...

I AM A 71 YOLD CARER + MOTHER OF A 41 YOLD DAUGHTER WHO IS INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED AND HAS UNSTABLE EPILEPSY NEED 24hr SUPERVISION AND CARE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER IN A SUITABLE PERMANENT RESIDENCE BEFORE I DIE

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...

CONTINUING THE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER THROUGH ALL FACETS. THE SUPPORT + ENCOURAGEMENT OF ACHIEVED SKILLS, HER RECREATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST IS AN UTMOST AIM OF MINE. THE CONTINUED HEALTHCARE OF HER CONDITION AS SHE AGES IS ESSENTIAL

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

OF BOTH OF US AGING AND POSSIBILITY OF MORE CARE THAN I CAN AM AVAILABLE TO GIVE. SHE ALSO NEEDS ASSOCIATING WITH A PEER GROUP AND LEARN TO BE ABLE TO COPE WITHOUT ME

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

MORE RESPITE BOTH IN HOME AND RECREATIONAL
TIME AWAY FROM EACH OTHER IS IMPORTANT
BECAUSE SHE LIVES AT HOME SHE HAS A LITTLE
MONEY. BUT MANY OF HER FRIENDS AT DAY
PLACEMENT HAVE PROBLEMS

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

/// HELP OLDER CARERS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE ///
WE ARE ALWAYS TOLD ABOUT WILLS + LEGAL MATTERS
GREAT. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW OUR SPECIAL
PERSONS WILL BE CARED FOR. - NEARLY AS
WELL AS US. - THE D.H.S MUST STOP CHANGING
IDEAS THAT COST
MONEY, AND USE MORE LOGIC

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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

14th June 2008

Date