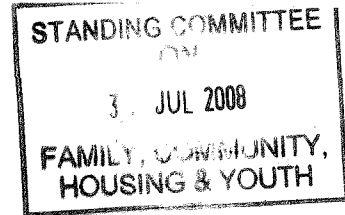


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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 believe that carers are a long forgotten sector of the community and that something needs to be done to assist the carers as they save the government far more than they receive.

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...

to provide support to my son whom I care for to enable him to be in familiar surroundings. I make these provisions due to the lack of assistance provided by government departments especially for younger people and people who live in the country.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

- lack of respite for carer and cared for
- little or no occupational therapy outside the home

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

additional funding due to the economic drain placed on the carer by the person being cared for.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

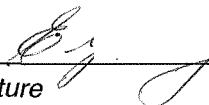
I think the Government can better help carers by ...

providing direct funding instead of administration consuming the bulk provided as it currently being consumed in a lopsided manner. Information should be more readily available ie send out to carer as soon as application made for the carer's pension.

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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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