

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. 903
(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...

Governments need to recognize the work all carers do, as their job is 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The huge financial and health impact on their lives must be recognised.

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...

No understood and recognized. Carers save governments billions of dollars even when permanent care has to be taken.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Carers are not recognised to have any social problems. Depression by association is a major health issue, one of many issues that face carers.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Changing attitudes of Centrelink, having less forms to fill in.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Giving carers recognition; increase pensions; more respite houses; being flexible for individual needs – massages, naturopathy and to have respite care regarded as essential services.

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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

Signature

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Print your name

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