

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...

There is not enough being done for housing
 for disabled people.

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...

not appreciated. We are nurse, teacher
 mother, cleaner etc. We should be getting
 an allowance equivalent to a full time
 job. As the hours we put in are 24/7

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

We are on call 24/7. We have no help.
 We don't get the opportunities that
 non carers get. Our time is permanently
 used on our kids.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

More respite. There's not enough respite houses. The ones there are always full. More funding for these guys to move out and have carers 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 us a wage. More respite as we don't receive any. Govt promise everything. We don't get anything. We need to see all of the above.

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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

Tracie
Print your name

28-6-08
Date

To the Government.

My name is Tracee. I am a 37 year old wife + mother to 4 children. My eldest being Daniel who is intellectually handicapped 20 yrs old. We are self employed on a Dryland Farm at Lalbe. Daniel travels to Swan Hill 45kms each way per day. He goes to TAFE 2 days a week and Murray Human Services 3 days a week. We are concerned as we don't want Daniel to be still on the bus with primary + High school kids at 40 years old. We are having hard times being in Drought. We cannot afford to run Daniel in and out of town all the time as this would break us pretty quick. We also are not willing to sell our farm to move into town. as this is my husbands Family Farm that has been in the family for 100 years or so. We have been trying to get Daniel into a flat on his own or to share. Trying to get Daniel respite to have assessment to see how he would survive on his own. Cant do as no places (AVAILABLE).

If Daniel does get ⁽²⁾ a place or when, how or why. It all comes down to the Government having the funding for the carers. They want all our special Adults to have a plan of their own. (Whats the use).

It feels like we will never see it happen. We don't want Daniel to be 40 or 50

and to finally have a place for the 1st time at this age. These special Adults of ours need to have their independence at an

early age. so they can adapt to the community. They learn at a younger age how to survive if they don't have any family left.

I know the Government has to share their money around. But our kids Adults need to feel the same and be the same as every other adult their age. Most other adults leave home by 18. My 17 year old

Daughter Courtne has^(S) left home. My son Daniel feels it. He can't understand why he has to be home with his 12 yr old Brother and 10 year sister. He wants to have his mates around to his place and watch D.V.d's.

He wants Mum + Dad to visit him and have chocolate cake and lollies. He wants his place. He can't join any clubs, sports etc. if he lived in town well he could. I know other Families are the same and worse.

But we need more to be done.

more houses, more flats, units, units with a house for permanent carers to be there when these adults need them. NOT JUST BROKEN PROMISES!

Thanking you for reading my letter and wish lot of hoping we will be praying for more to be done. Specially in the Swan Hill area.

Thanking you Traie