

Submission No. 1280

(Inq into better support for carers)

To:

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Subject:

SUPERANNUATION

STANDING COMMITTEE
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I am very tired of getting the runaround and not getting answers to simple questions, what is the point in witting letters to head politicians when all I receive in return is a standard letter out lining what the government is doing for you now and what they purpose to do in the future which I still believe is never enough. Which brings me to my main question "WHY DONT CARERS GET SUPERANNUATION" I have spoken to a politician in Sydney he danced around the question trying to pull the wool over my eyes,hr did say that if the government was to pay the 2.5 million carers super the government would have to find X amount of money, I said to him don't we carers save the government 38 million and where does that money end up, eventually he agreed that I had a reasonable concern and that I should contact the Carers Australia Association and ask them to lobby for it in parliament.

All this makes me very angry surely they can see that we carers are doing it tough mentally physically and financially ,our payment from Centrelink is a joke we carers are expected to work 7 days a week 52 weeks a year for a poultry sum of \$614.70 per fortnight I ask you is there anyone in our workforce that is doing the same with no super as well I do not think so, were is our union and oh&s regulations.

I will enclose a copy of my budget and as you will see it is an impossible struggle from week to week, the only way I am staying afloat is with the support of my family helping me out were ever possible and I have had to draw on my super 3 times for hardship reasons which wont leave me with much for the future.

It should not be this way the government needs to seriously do more now its just so unfair , I am taking care of my mum because I love her and she deserves to be taken care of in a dignified way she has earned that right as do all our ageing population .

Can I get an answer as to why not super ?

Regards SUE
(full time carer)

CUSTOMER	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY
ANZ House Payment	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
C.G.U. House INS	\$ 15.36	\$ 30.72	\$ 61.44
RACV CAR INS	\$ 9.80	\$ 19.60	\$ 39.21
ORIGIN GAS	\$ 13.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 52.00
ORIGIN ELECTRICITY	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
CASEY RATES	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
SOUTH EAST WATER	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
VIC ROADS ROAD	\$ 2.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 11.00
TELSTRA	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
BIG BOND	\$ 17.75	\$ 35.50	\$ 71.00
PETROL	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
	\$ <u>288.66</u>	\$ <u>577.32</u>	\$ <u>1154.64</u>
	INCOME = \$ 614.70		\$ 1229.40
			BALANCE = \$ 74.76

TAKE NOTE

FOOD HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED, OUT OF THIS \$ 74.76
 IT EQUALS \$ 18.69 PER WEEK FOR FOOD?
 NO ENTERTAINMENT?
 NO EMERGENCY FUNDS?

