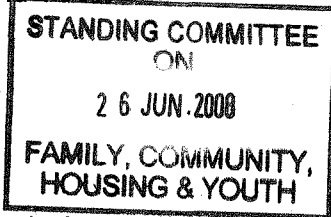


Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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(Inq into better support for carers)  
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Dear 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 feel carers have not been a high priority with the previous government & hope the current government can improve our situations.

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 enable my husband to continue to live in the security & comfort of his own home & to assist him to perform the many tasks he is unable to manage himself.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

**2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers**

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

Because of the nature of my husband's condition, I am unable to leave him unattended for more than 1/2 hr, therefore I am unable to have personal time socialising or to stop independantly without organising a carer.

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**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

Respite, support & additional financial assistance as being on the aged pension & having a chronically ill husband, it is hard to make ends meet with constant medications & dressings etc.

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

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

Understanding our difficult situation & supporting us in any way possible, especially financially as this is our biggest burden.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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

Print your name

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Date

23-6-08.