

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

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Submission No. 523

(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C 7/7/08

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 am a carer (over 13 years) and welcome
to opportunities to give ideas to the Government

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...

Under valued by my sick husband
and the Government. I give 24
hour care to my husband who
is completely dependant on me

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Medical costs are high.
Petrol price limits my ability
to take my husband for "drives"
Therapy (passive exercises on special
machines and beds) cost \$20. per session

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Totally dependant on me - Socially
and general care.

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Petrol cost assistance

? Free medicine would help

We are self funded retirees who have worked all of our lives. No government assistance here.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

FUNDING.

We save the government by caring for our loved ones at home. This costs the government NOTHING

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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

Print your name

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Date

25.6.08