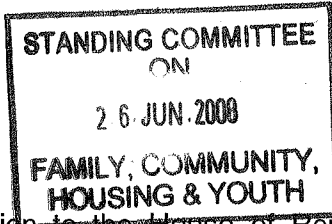


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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(Inq into better support for carers)



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...

I would like to see better support for carers, whether on the financial, physical, social and all related support levels.

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 ensure the care and wellbeing of my almost eight year old daughter with Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency who is completely dependent on me for all her care needs, as she has no independent skills, and requires close monitoring and intervention 24/7.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

I cannot participate in events for my other child or important social events due to lack of ^{enough and care availability} respite and sometimes inability for other carers to look after my child. Hence I am mainly housebound and try to do my best and be my best for my child within the confines of my home. Due to the severe and unpredictable nature of her illness, I cannot work and my partner needs to have to manage with the care on his own - difficult.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Financially to cover ongoing medical needs and to support income.

Better respite availability. Funding for special equipment and special services.

Allowance for carer to have occasional relaxation therapy - ie massage, reiki etc for wellbeing.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Increasing carer allowance and providing extra funding for ongoing medical needs, and carer needs.

Provide concessional rates for ongoing family needs (electricity/gas etc)

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

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Print your name

24/6/2008

Date