

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 535
(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...

*As a carer we need more support
and recognition from the community
and 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...

*To help this person feel a valuable
member of society not an outcast and
for them to be able to access the help
they need, when they need it*

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

*Very little help available at the
time when it's most needed, at times
it is a lonely existence, more
community education is needed*

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

I am 84 yrs of age and have been
a carer for this person (now aged 74)
for the past 18 yrs
It is my choice not to receive a
carers pension

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Providing more assistance with
outreach workers for the person
being cared for to take the
pressure off the carer

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

Date

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