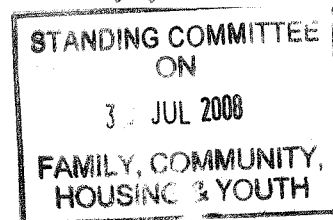


Committee Secretary
 Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
 Community, Housing and Youth
 PO Box 6021
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600



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, 78 years old, I take care of my wife, 73 years old. She got stroke, her left internal carotid artery occlusion and a right internal ^{carotid} artery stenosis of 50%+ and other diseases. I need more help from the government (Federal, State, City Council) City of Pandenong.

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...

1. Caring my wife well and keeping my health well first.
2. We need closely contact with GP and some specialists.
3. We need to do more health exercises and social participation with the community, we need out of isolation.

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 ...

1. We came from China 1998, My English is poor, my wife can't read, speak, listen to the English. We can hardly join in community's activities.
 2. As we will become older and older, the transportation, shopping, see the GP and Specialist will be a great problem for us.
 3. We live in a private rental flat, the rent increases very year, but the rent assistance from Centrelink doesn't increase.
- We want to move into Public House or Nursing home with other Chinese together. (easy to communication)

More information is attached on a separate sheet

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

1. community carer's group (Chinese group or Chinese interpreter).
2. City Council's carers worker (cleaning, shopping, washing)

More information is attached on a separate sheet

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

1. Increase the carer's payment, carers allowance and carers rent assistance. It must keep the carers life level in a suitable situation, but not decrease.
2. Set up more ethnic carers support group to help new migrant carers well.
3. More Nursing home and Public house for the ethnic group.

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

Signature

Min

Print your name

29/6/2008

Date