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**Submission No. 816**

(Inq into better support for carers)

**From:** Margaret

**Sent:** Thursday, 3 July 2008 1:32 PM

**To:** Committee, FCHY (REPS)

**Subject:** I am a carer for two young adults with mental health issues

Dear Members, I am a carer for two young adults in their late 20's. My daughter has a stint in hospital now every 6 months and now my son has developed an illness that is requiring hospitalisation. When they are recovering there is no where safe for them to go for full recovery. I am 61 years old and still working to pay the mortgage, I am single and receive no support from the Government. When my children come out of hospital I obviously look after them but as they are not fully recovered it is quite a task and as I work I am not able to be there around the clock.

Hospitals must be given more short term accommodation to assist parents like myself when their children are discharged from hospital. I dont know how long I can continue as I have been doing this for 8 years.

Please help the psychiatric hospitals to receive more funds to establish further special accommodation for psychiatric patients (ie Alred Hospital Melbourne).

Kind regards Margaret