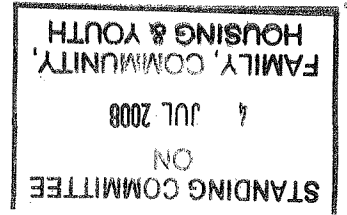


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July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is ....

Not given enough priority from the government. if I was not looking after my husband. it would cost the Gov 100% more than a Carers portion

I face the following problems ...

Because Im a Carer 24/7. I can not take a job in the work force to make extra money. Making ends meet is very hard and getting harder.

I need help with ...

Respite I have to fight for the accommodation my husband requires, its very distressing for me every 3 months to beg for the finance, for his accommodation, so I can have Respite which I need to keep going.

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

Having a system which, CARERS would be scaled from 1-TO 10. BECAUSE OVER THE LAST 8 YRS OF BEING A CARER. I HAVE NOTICED THAT ALL CARERS ARE CLASSED THE SAME. When SOME CARERS ARE 24/7 + VERY STRESSED + SOME ARE JUST COMPANIONS

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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