

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. 95
(Inq into better support for carers)
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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 of a bipolar person who often feels left out by the wider community

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...

a 25hr job - there seems to be more one on one for people with physical disabilities

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Of always forking out money for my son's education even though he's doing well there's always a need for software or other needs as he is doing I.T. Computer course *Proud But worried about finances

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

A visitor for my son even if
it is only fortnightly - Just for them
to know that someone else cares
besides Mum

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Taking the weight off us a little
by trying to match these people
with normal families - usually volunteers
as the consumers are so very, very
lonely & call upon Mums especially
24/7

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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

Print your name

Eileen

Date

11/6/08