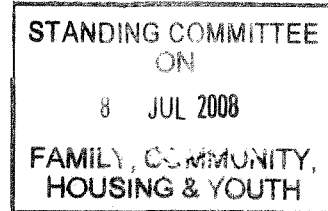


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
PO Box 6021
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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...

THE SERVICES OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT
AND MAINTAIN FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS ARE
BEING EXCLUDED FROM NORMAL DAILY PLEASURES
WITH THE EVER INCREASING DEMANDS OF MODERN
LIFE STYLES AND COSTS

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...

X → PRICELESS - BECAUSE OF THE MERIT AND
WORTH IN SAVINGS THAT WOULD COST (BY
KEEPING MY WIFE HOME) THE SUPPORT I PROVIDE
IS BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTALLY SUPPORTIVE - TO
ALLOW HER HOME PLEASURES + PEACE OF MIND

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

XX → THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES TO
PROVIDE RESPIRE CARE ETC AT TIMES WHEN
CARERS (ME) ARE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY
STRESSED - NOT ALL AREAS GET THE SAME
FINANCIAL SUPPORT - GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AND
OTHER STATES.

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I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ELABORATE ON ANY OF
THE ISSUES RAISED

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

RESPIRE CARE WHEN REQUIRED - WITHOUT
THE RESOURCES OF VIC CARERS AUSTRALIA AND
THEIR SUPPORT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
SUPPORT MY WIFE AS I AM IN MY SEVENTY'S AND
AT TIMES HAVE HAD PHYSICAL PROBLEMS & SICKNESS.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

PROVIDING A LARGER AND MORE DETAILED
ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN WITH OTHER SUPPORT
GROUPS TO MAKE A BROADER ISSUE OF WHAT
IS AVAILABLE AND TO GENERATE A PROGRAM
WHERE DOCTORS ARE AWARE OF THE VARIOUS SUPPORT
GROUPS, EG CARERS ALZHEIMERS AND MAKE USE OF THEM
AND ALSO REFER PATIENTS TO ACAS FOR DIAGNOSIS.
(AGED CARE ASSESSMENT TEAMS)

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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

ROGER

Print your name

2ND JULY 2008

Date