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**To:**  
**Subject:** Fw: Re: Centrelink Matter

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I hope that you can help in this matter as it concerns not only me but a lot of other carers in Australia and we need all the help we can get.  
Thank you

-----Original Message-----

patricia  
**Subject:** Re: Centrelink Matter

Attention Margaret

My name is Patricia

I am writing to you hoping that you and your office can help me and a lot of other people in the same position as I am in.  
I am a carer for somebody with cancer that is terminal desmond brown.  
But due to not having enough money to live on with the carers pension I have been forced to go back to work for that 25 hours per week that I am entitled to.  
I have been in contact with centrelink and due to my own injuries I cannot be hired as a employee by another company as they will not hire me.  
I have tried many companys such as interstate trains and iss security are just some of them and I was told due to my injuries they could not put there company at risk which I understand for insurance purposes.

So I have decided to get my own abn number and register a company my self and hire my self out to other companys in order to work as a subcontractor.  
Due to having a mortgage and unable to get rent assistance which I find amazing on its own.

If I was to lease this house out and find another accomodation I could get rent assistance but if I decided to stay in my house I could not get rent assistance.  
So I have been back and forth the last few days with centrelink in robina in which they stated to me previously I could use the 63 days per year that I am entitled to for working time as well as the 25 hours that I am intitled to.

The 63 days are for respite

But now I have been told yesterday over the phone to centre link that if I want to use ONE DAY of my respite days for work I would have to take a week of respite . Which is not needed and I am home for the rest of the time.

Some times I would only go over my time of 25 hours including traveling time maybe by 1-2 hours and I find that ridiculous.

So why can't I use my respite care for working if I need to ??????

And I think the laws should be changed to that effect

So please please I am begging you to change these laws

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I am not the only person that needs to work part time on a pension or a carers pension and if I need to use only 4 hours or even 2 hours of my respite time I should be able to use it for working or for having my hair done as it is MY respite that I am entitled to have. And I should be able to use it how I want to use the respite care.

Due to all the carers around Australia and the pensioners that are so badly off we need to work part time even if it runs into another half a hour I am sure that the 63 days we are entitled to can be spread further during the year.

I am also passing this off to the carers association and if needed I will take it further to the news papers and the TV

I just want a fair go and be able to eat.

Yours sincerely  
Pat

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