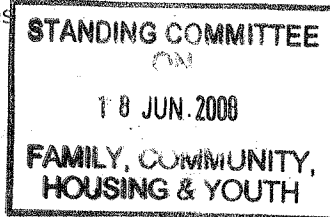


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Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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CANBERRA ACT 2600
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13/6/08
(Insert date here)

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 ...

fluctuating in the levels of care needed according to my wife's abilities that are affected by her diagnosis as Schizoaffective.

I face the following problems ...

Stress and depression (my diagnosis)
Financial difficulties, keeping a full time job as well as managing my wife's welfare keeping the house maintained. Social isolation

I need help with...

Paying for medications, keeping well myself, housework cooking cleaning, finances managing alone as only child lives in Melbourne as part time worker & student

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

Providing a better point system for testing mental illness. We missed out on my carer's payment twice by one point. It seemed to only be geared to a physical illness

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
(Sign your name here)

The government clearly needs to assess each person in a more holistic way and individually according to specific needs that need to be fulfilled.