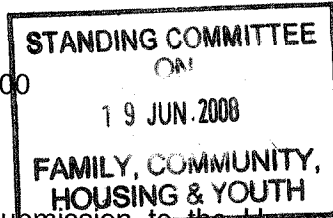


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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Submission No. 280

(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 30/6/08



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 DON'T FEEL WE ARE BEING GIVEN THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT WE NEED TO ENSURE A REASONABLE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND GIVE MY SON A CHANCE OF PROGRESSING SUFFICIENTLY TO ENABLE A SEMI-INDEPENDANT LIFESTYLE AS AN ADULT.  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...

TO LOOK AFTER THE HEALTH AND WELBEING OF MY DISABLED WIFE & SON. ALSO, AS MY SON HAS AUTISM / INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY I NEED TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON TRYING TO ENSURE HE GETS SKILLS NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME SORT OF INDEPENDANCE IN ADULTHOOD.  More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

WITH 2 PEOPLE TO LOOK AFTER I HAVE NO TIME FOR EMPLOYMENT, I NEED SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, RESPIRE, ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST TEACHERS AT SONS SCHOOL.

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**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

ADEQUATE LEVELS OF CENTRELINK PAYMENTS  
AND RETENTION OF ONE-OFF BONUS PAYMENTS  
HELP TO KEEP HOUSE SAFE (MODIFICATIONS)  
RESPIRE (INCLUDING FUNDING FOR HOLIDAYS)  
SHOULD HAVE SUPERANNUATION SCHEME AS I  
HAVE NO WAY TO FUND RETIREMENT.

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

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

RESPIRE  
PAID HOLIDAYS.  
SUPERANNUATION SCHEME.  
ADEQUATE CENTRELINK PAYMENTS.  
(OTHERWISE ALL INCOME IS CHEWED UP  
BY ESSENTIAL STUFF)

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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

Signature

VINCENT

Print your name

16/6/08.

Date