

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. 425
(Inq into better support for carers)
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HOUSING & YOUTH

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...

it is coming more and more hardy to access the respite homes as they are working on a ratio of 1-2 in a house of 4 + emergency by the homeless houses are either closed or not accessible -

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 teach my son respect, to make him equal to the next human being and being even better - To excel in all his endeavours - To support him in all his endeavours -

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

I am isolated sometimes + depression hits hard money is scarce with the cost of living, we cannot go out to socialise - The carer's allowance is a real joke looking after someone who is constantly in your face for \$50/w? If he was living away from me it would cost \$1000's to care for him -

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

To be paid more, to be given free
Cinema Vouchers, theatre tickets,
cheaper petrol to drive our disable
person around - 10% off grocery bills
all that will help to make our hurdle
easier.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

listening to our cry for help, we are all
getting older + tired, give us more respite
build large houses to cater for 20 clients
at a time not the joke of only 2 beds
available for 100+ clients in that area.

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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

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Print your name

21/6/08

Date