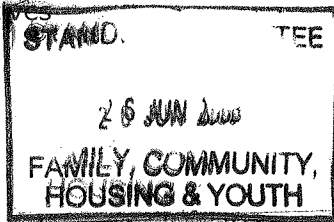


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Dear Secretary

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 .... devoting my life to give my 21 yo son a full & happy life while maintaining balance within the rest of my family & various duties.

I face the following problems ...

My son has the self care skills of a 2 y 11 mth old & a progressive neuromuscular disease (among other problems). He is never going to get better, I should never have to justify this to Centrelink  
I need help with ... (when every TDR states these facts, a phone-in centre where someone else with the time & without the distractions can gather information I require.

I think the Government can better help Carers by ... recognising & appreciating devoted carers who save the system many thousands of \$ pa. When EMERGENCY help is requested, which happens exceedingly rarely, it should be immediate... not in 3 months time.

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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