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**13 June 2008**

Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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 ....

To give my 2 disabled sons as normal a life as possible. This includes not having to live with Mum and Dad until we die and having the same quality of life in a caring environment.

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I face the following problems ...

Finding the quality system that will suit their needs within the next 5 years (earlier if possible) as we are now both 60. Having looked after our older son aged 41 since we were 19, it would be nice if we could have the last few years just the 2 of us. It would be nice to be able to access appropriate respite again as these places have been lost to us as a bandaid until we get permanent accommodation.

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I need help with ...

Appropriate out of home overnight respite regularly.

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

Giving us back the light at the end of the tunnel we had during the 90s. Really caring about how we are coping and managing financially.

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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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