

APC 21/7/08

## Submission No. 990

(Inq into better support for carers)

2 July 2008

The Honourary Jenny Macklin

Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs

Dear Minister,

**Re: Federal Enquiry – “Better Support for Carers”**

As a member of SA Carers Australia and as a past carer for many years of intensive caring 24/7 for the last 10 years of my late mother's life, may I submit the following :-

Following my mother's death, I received legal advice that there is provision in the law for appropriate compensation of a carer. However, there is no guidance as to how to calculate this amount of compensation. I propose that there should be a formula devised and legislated to take into account:-

1. Years of caring service; and
2. Amount of time devoted on a daily basis to the caring role.

Many carers put their lives on hold for years while providing such care.

If this matter is formulated as requested, it could in future save a carer(s) much added stress and concern such as I had experienced at the end of my caring role.

I seek your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,