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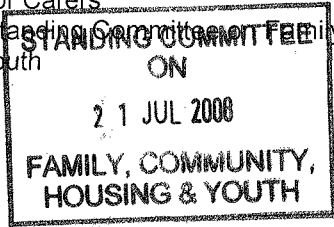
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Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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

A VITAL ROLE: AS THERE ARE NO OTHER SUITABLE OR WILLING FAMILY MEMBERS. BEING A FULL-TIME CARER IS A HUGE COMMITMENT. THIS ROLE OF 'A CARER' IS GRADUALLY BEING MORE UNDERSTOOD BY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY.

I face the following problems ...

AGE - I AM 67 & USE A WHEELCHAIR MYSELF FOR ANY DISTANCE OVER 50M. FINANCIAL - AS EVERYTHING "MEDICAL" IS EXPENSIVE. E.G. GRANDSON'S ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR BITS: SPECIAL SEATING INSIDE. OUR OLD VAN FOR HIS CHAIR IS TOO SMALL NOW. HE HITS HIS HEAD!

I need help with ...

CONCERN FOR FUTURE: NO WHERE HERE FOR HIM TO GO EXCEPT OLD-FOLKS NURSING HOME. HE IS 15 YRS OLD & HAS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. MORE RESPITE HOURS. FINANCIAL HELP TO GET A BIGGER (HIGHER) VAN.

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

CONSULTING WITH CARERS. GET A COMPLETE PICTURE OF OUR LIVES. LESS PAPER-WORK FROM CENTRELINK! PAY US PROPERLY FOR WHAT WE DO. HOW FAR DOES \$100.00 A FORTNIGHT GO?? WE SAVE YOU MILLIONS?

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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