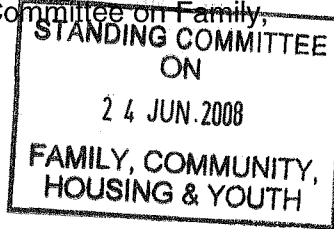


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 420
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.o.c. 2/7/08



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...

I AM AT THE END OF MY PATIENTS WITH A SYSTEM
THAT NO LONGER WORKS FOR MY FAMILY AND MYSELF

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...

CARING FOR MY 37yr old son, SUPPORTING MY HUSBAND WHILE
HE WAITS FOR CANCER SURGERY AT OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL
ALSO MY DAUGHTER AS SHE STARTS ON THE LONG ROAD AS
A CARER OF THREE DISABLED CHILDREN

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

I HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ALL AVENUES IN CARE OF MY SON
BECAUSE THERE'S NO PHYSICAL DISABILITY I HAVE TO
CONSTANTLY EXPLAIN HIS DISABILITIES AND HOW THAT
IMPACTS ON HIS HEALTH AND WELL BEING

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

SITTING ON A WAITING LIST PUBLIC HOSPITAL CATEGORY 3
FOR 4 YEARS AND COUNTING, THEY ADVISE I GO BACK
THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND TRY TO GET IT REVISED
IN MY SPARE TIME

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

HAVING JUST ONE SYSTEM FOR DISABILITY AND CARERS
ALSO A ONE STOP SHOP FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRALS
I HAVE HAD COUNT OF MANY CALLS I HAVE TO MAKE
TO TRACK DOWN A SERVICE JUST TO BE TOLD NOT ELIGIBLE

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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

Lyla
Print your name

20 - 06 - 08
Date