

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

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 feel the role of carer should be more widely acknowledged in community by more publicity & Government support. Great difficulty in discovering what help is available

* Helped by "Guide to Services for Seniors" 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...

to support my husband and to keep his (and our) life as normal as possible
To maintain his health so no need for

"Aged Care Facility": GREAT SAVING FOR GOVERNMENT.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Great Stress due to fear of ill health or accident to myself as carer.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Advice as to House Repairs, whether needed & to what extent.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Increased financial support as with Heating - Telephone Bills.

Provide more staff in Respite Centres & in Advisor Capacity.

State Gov DROP CAR REGISTRATION - Transport very important

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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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Date

14.6.08