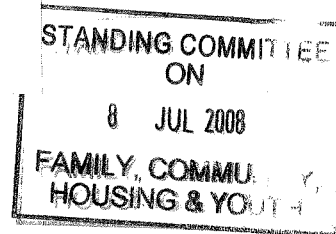


## Submission No. 1073

(Inq into better support for carers)

Committee 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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

*I believe Governments of both persuasions have neglected the people who take on the responsibility for the care of the disadvantaged saving the government of millions of dollars.*

 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 provide within my means the best possible 24/7 care for the two people I care for daily wife and my son who both suffer disabilities*

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### 2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

*The cost of transport, balancing my time between my wife and son, keeping my property in good order, especially car garden.*

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**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

*Some relief on car Reg & Insurance*  
*whilst I receive home help from our council*  
*it is not quite enough*

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

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

*A swipe card to take off the G.S.T on all*  
*products of food petrol clothes etc*  
*Bring the carers allowance close to the*  
*basic wage*

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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

*Jack*

Print your name

Date

*27/6/08*