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(Inq into better support for carers)

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Secretary

Inquiry into better support for Carers,
Standing Committee on Family, Community,
Housing and Youth.

P.O. Box 6021,
House of Representatives,
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.
Our role as carers for our daughter
Kirsty, who has an intellectual disability
involves problems with affordable
accommodation, transport and accessing
support services.

We find it difficult because of our
commitment, we can't travel or do
activities ourselves. We really do not have
public transport in Bundaberg.

Disability employment case managers are not trained in disability often. Kirsty finally has a good one. With a mild intellectual disability services such as counselling is unavailable. The practical measures that would better support us are, a Bus service that would provide transport to work, T.A.F.E., Y.M.C.A, & music lessons. An assessment which would provide employment case managers a report of what their client is capable of in the workforce, instead of ~~to~~ throwing them in the deep end several times until their self esteem is so low that they are unemployable. Also affordable accomodation as every person has a right to independant living. Thank you for taking our views into consideration as part of the committee's inquiry. I look forward to reviewing the recommendations you make in order to improve support for carers.

Yours sincerely.