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(Inq into better support for carers)

Margaret

To Whom It May Concern,

I Am Currently The Primary Carer For My A.B.I. Son Along With Baptist Care As Our Partners In Purpose.

At The Present Time The Allocated Funding Does Not Cover For 24Hr Care And I Have To Provide 21 Day Hrs Per Week And Also 4 Weeks Per Year That Is Expected To Be Made Available Through Respite Care But As There Is An Acute Shortage Of Respite Beds I Have Not been Able To Place My Son So The Responsibility Rest With Me To Cover The Shortfall.

Also There Is A Very Real Need For Carer Support Across The Country And At Present We Can Not Get The Coverage Required. I Am Presently Supplying 4 Extra Night Sleepovers From 4.30.pm Till 9.00.am That Has Been Ongoing For The Last Few Months.

Baptist Care Are Advertising For More Support Staff And I Hope That My Position May Improve In The Very Near Future.

As I Am Nearing My 60s And My Husband His 70s I Am Concerned What The Future Will Hold For My son And Our Family Structure As The Time Spent Caring Will Eventually Take Some Toll On All Parties.

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret

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12-06-08

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

PRIMARY CARER FOR MY ABI SON.

I face the following problems ...

NOT ENOUGH GRANT MONEY TO PROVIDE 24HR CARE FOR MY SON WHO HAS ABI + IS WHEELCHAIR BOUND I MUST COVER 21 DAY ALS A WEEK + 4 WEEKS A YEAR

I need help with ...

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

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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Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth