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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

1) jeopardised by Centrelink's attitude to me taking a
person into my home to give him the care he needed after
incurring a stroke, as a result of his medication for Prostate Cancer.

I face the following problems ...

As a retired nursing sister, I wanted to help anyone whom I
could, in my home, without being victimised, because the patient
was a man in his late 60s and I female in my mid 60s - deemed in
a de facto relationship, with dire results with cut pensions etc;
I was a carer for 13 yrs for this patient who is now in a HOME!
I need help with ...

2) In the present house-shortage for sale and rental - there are
many elderly people living alone in their homes. If the Govt
let them move in with a friend and rent one property, it will
help the elderly to care for each other and be able to ^{rent} a home.

I think the Government can better help Carers by ... without being punished for it.

3) Being more mindful of the fact that we spend a
lot of our money helping people in need: Petrol e.g.
is sky-rocketing while we take people to appointments etc
at our own expenses. Sometimes there's parking fees etc.

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

MARY.

[Type or clearly print your name here]

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