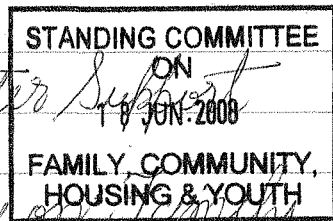


The Secretary.
Inquiry into Better Support
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Standing Committee on Family,
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Dear Sir or Madam,

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 have been caring for my severely disabled Cerebral Palsy brother since 1980. I am a Sole Carer and an aged Carer of 65 years. Because I am an aged Carer on the Age Pension I only receive the Carer Allowance for caring for Rodney 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. I miss out on the \$1000 Carer Bonus that Carers on the Carer Payment receive. Rodney is completely disabled in that he cannot walk and is confined to a wheel Chair or bed. He cannot talk or feed himself or shower himself or toilet himself. In fact he is totally dependant on me for his care. The only means of transporting Rodney is by maxi taxi which is an exorbitant cost. My greatest need is for more over-night respite. at present I only get 3 days per month. I really need 7 days

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I have to get up several times a night to see to Rodney's personal needs, which means I am severely deprived of sleep. It would mean a lot to me to have my needs addressed by the Committee's Inquiry, and it would allow me to continue in my caring roll. The extra support would be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

GLENNYS