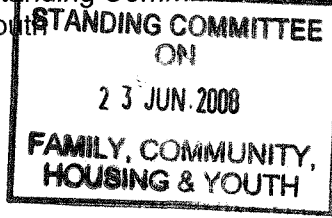


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 318
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.O.C. 30/6/08

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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I want to have a say - the government needs to understand that we need the help now - not putting us aside - we need funding now.

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 make sure that all of the people in my care are given opportunities to develop & grow in the best way they can.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Being in all of the places I need to be - hospital visits, appointments, at home

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

- Finances - so we can live our lives like other families can.
- Support -
- Payment for medications that aren't on the free list

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- Listening to us -
- Being on our side
- Talk about our issues - don't get stuck on topics that come up - like the petrol.

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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

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Print your name

17.6.08.

Date