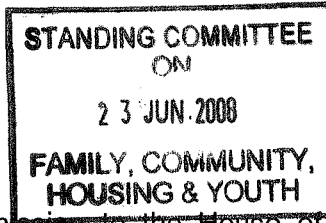


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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Submission No. 319
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.O.C. 30/6/08

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...

CARERS NEED TO BE HEARD, CARERS NEED TO BE
REALLY LISTENED TO NOT JUST GIVEN A \$ AS
A TOKEN GESTURE.

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...

NOT RECOGNISED, I AM A PERSON AS WELL AS
A MOTHER OF AN INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED SON. I
DO NOT EXPECT EVERYTHING, I WORK FOR IT BY
KEEPING HIM OUT OF AN INSTITUTION, I HELP OTHERS
BY UNDERSTANDING & THROUGH LIFE EXPERIENCE.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

LACK OF SERVICES.
LACK OF KNOWING WHERE TO ATTAIN SERVICES.
LIMITED TRANSPORT
LACK OF RESPIRE AVAILABLE.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

ACCESS TO SERVICES - COMMUNICATION
TO ALL CARERS OF WHERE, HOW & WHEN
CARERS CAN FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT IS
AVAILABLE.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

* HAVING A SERVICE AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL
FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO PLAN FOR FUTURE.
* HAVE J.A.S. PEOPLE COME OUT FROM
GOVT OFFICES & REALLY TALK / LISTEN TO
CARERS.

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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

18/6/08

Date