

Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON 2 / 11/11 2000
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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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

At 60 years old I find that I am carer to my husband who has alzheimer's disease. I want to work, and have to because I will not be eligible for the pension. I will be self funded. I am worried that I will have to finish

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...

work sooner than I wanted to & then have huge amounts to pay in the future for care for my husband when I can no longer care for him myself. Why should I have to worry about this? Shouldn't the government support carers?

Under valued. Carers are a great saving machine for the government.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Who will pay for care for my husband when he needs it? Will my superannuation be used for his care. \$40 000 per year to keep some one in private care so I'm sold.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

counselling - Who do I go to??  
Knowing where I can get support  
Trying to get his daughters  
to take some responsibility -  
At present, although they live 1 hour away  
we see them every  More information is attached on a separate sheet  
six months I cope  
alone.

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Providing more access to day  
care. I was my mother's carer 5 years ago  
Providing many more care facilities  
Mum was on a waitlist for care for 2 years,  
1 year after she died I was notified there  
was a place for  More information is attached on a separate sheet  
her. Will the same wait happen  
in the future when I want care for my husband.

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

Print your name

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Date

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