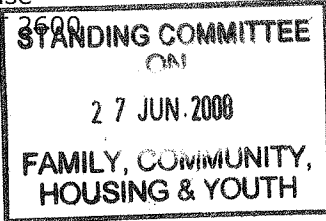


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(Inq into better support for carers)

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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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[Insert date here] 25-06-08

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

To care for my 36 year old daughter & find somewhere suitable for her needs & get her settled & comfortable before I'm unable to care for her.

I face the following problems *my health is suffering have very little sleep as my daughter is up & down during the night banging doors going outside to chain smoke, when used to get in the car after I had gone to sleep, I would jump out of bed to try & stop her but she would just take off. Often having mind accidents - - - not knowing where - - - I am very stressed with all this going on. I get very frustrated when family & friends are excited about going north for winter, ~~I need help with~~ around Australia or over seas - - - friends ask me to go with them but where do I leave my daughter & my pit. I had to give up work to nurse my husband bed ridden with cancer, then only months after he passed away in 2004, my daughter had to move home - - - bipolar - - - depression - - - eating disorder - - - Borderline Personality disorder - - - often suicidal - - - marriage breakdown & divorce.*

I think the Government can better help Carers by *We urgently need 24 hr care in mandurah for people like my daughter, the carers are worn out & like my self are very worried who will care when we are unable in our old age or death. I'm 64 yrs old I should be trying to get on with my life, but alas I'm here feeling very stressed, just feel I deserve some time to my own life after bringing up 4 children, then nursing my husband, now looking after my daughter - - - what will happen if I get sick - - - who is going to look after us !!!!!*

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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Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

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Everywhere in the city has long waiting lists & our loved ones should be able to stay near family & friends that's very important for consumers. Mandurah has been waiting a few years for cluster homes. I believe they have the dollars, but to get the land has been a problem !!!!!

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