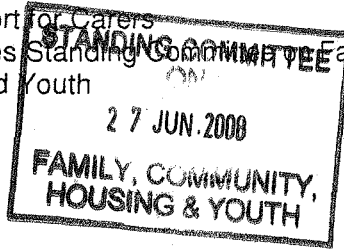


Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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Submission No. 496  
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 7/7/08

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 have been a carer for 10+ years  
with ~~no~~ financial or physical  
assistance.

Unfortunately I am no longer a carer!!

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...

An ongoing physical & mental demand.

24 x 7 with no relief.

Without carers the Gov't would be paying  
out heaps more in nursing home fees.

\$94pF is ridiculous

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Lack of ongoing support from organisations

given government money to provide such.

Everytime I approached organisation for  
assistance it was short lived - I think

it was too difficult as lots of people

do not know the  More information is attached on a separate sheet

Complexity of this disease!!

**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

time to go out and do banking shopping  
etc without having to pay someone  
to come in and stay with someone who  
just stays in bed!

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

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

Paying them more money  
Providing ongoing support free of charge  
Tax concessions for respite care money paid

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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