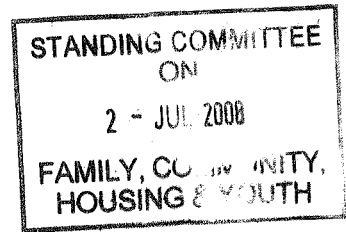


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 727

(Inq into better support for carers)

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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...

WE TAKE ON THE TASK OF CARING
FOR OUR LOVED ONES & WE SAVE
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BILLIONS
OF DOLLARS. THE GOVERNMENT ARE MEAN,
TRICKY & BLIND. 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 RECOGNIZED ENOUGH BY
GOVERNMENTS — STATE OR FEDERAL

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

LACK OF TIME, LACK OF ENERGY,
LACK OF FINANCIAL HELP.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

CARER ALLOWANCE IS PITIFULLY LOW!
FINANCIAL HELP WITH INCONTINENCE
SUPPLIES (CEASES AT AGE 65 - WHY?)

2 - PREPAID LOW TECH MOBILE PHONES
1 - FOR CARER + 1 FOR PATIENT. EASY USE,

FOR ABSENT PERIODS. More information is attached on a separate sheet
OF CARER. THIS WOULD REDUCE MUCH ANXIETY.

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

MUCH MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
RECOGNISING OUR NEEDS FOR
WHAT WE UNSELFISHLY GIVE.
IT IS A 24/7 LIFE. MY DOG IS MY
ONLY COMPANION.

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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

Signature

L. R.

Print your name

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Date

28/6/08

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