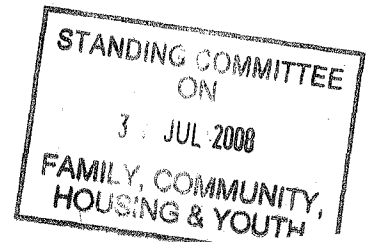


Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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Submission No. 840  
(Inq into better support for carers)

rec 16/7/08

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...

- (1) *I have acted as a Carer for my wife for some years and now deceased on 16/2/08.*
- (2) *I have acted as a Carer for son now in hospital care.*
- (3) *I have acted as a Carer for another son living at home.*

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...

*To provide for those in need of care a life-style which resembles as far as possible the life-style of a healthy person.*

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

1. *Maintaining employment for myself which ensures monetary survival for "cared for" person and myself.*
2. *Taking the "cared for" to social activities which offers minimal embarrassment to "care for" and others around him/her.*

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

1. Practical guidance from professionals to ensure maximum care for "cared for" either at home or in an institution.
2. Have "workshops" for carers to attend in order to maintain  
(a) the health of carers (b.) the professional attitude of carers  
(c) community ignorance  More information is attached on a separate sheet to be overcome.
4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- (1) Have a recognised employer attitude to Carers so that Carers may work part-time without unnecessary bias and restrictions placed upon them (Carers) by management.  
Australia needs every one who is capable of working to do so from economic  More information is attached on a separate sheet and humane viewpoint for the good of the Nation!

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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Signature

KEITH LESLIE

Print your name

30.6.08

Date