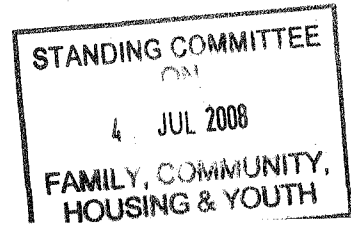


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 935

(Inq into better support for carers)

REC 18/7/08

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 AM A CARER AND FIND THINGS
OVERWHELMING AT TIMES. I CANT
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY BECAUSE STD
CALL ARE TOO DEAR

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...

SAVING THE GOVERNMENT A LOT OF MONEY.
CARING IS A 24 HOUR JOB AND I FEEL
VERY SOCIALLY DEPRIVED

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

THE PRICE OF PETROL HAS MADE IT VERY
EXPENSIVE TO GET TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
WHEN YOU LIVE IN RURAL AREAS

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

RUNNING OF A CAR - E.G. CHEAPER REGISTRATION
FOR CARERS. WITHOUT A CAR IT WOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE WHEN THERE IS NO PUBLIC
TRANSPORT.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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


UNDERSTANDING THAT WE DO A GREAT JOB
AND SHOW MORE APPRECIATION BY MORE
FUNDING

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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



HEATHER JEAN

Print your name

1-7-08

Date