

Submission No. 7
(Inq into better support for carers)
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To: Committee, FCHY (REPS)

Subject:

To the secretary of the committee

I am writing as the supporting grand father of my wife who is a carer of our grand child who we have custody of and requires 24/7 care. I am requesting that the greatest singular burden on us carers is the ability raise more income on top of our cares pension without being penalised by centrelink through asset testing on our extra income that many of us are trying to earn to subsidize the immense financial burden that we have. let alone the physical and emotional burden we carry, and then on top of that to be continually scrutinized by centrelink like we were some sought of criminals trying to steal a fortune from the govt. I think its time that this sought of paranoia should be removed, this will be little cost to the Government and a great benefit to both parties, and over time will lessen the demand on the Government especially since many grand parents and parents are being encouraged to stay in the work force beyond retirement age and it will help enormously in the realm of self esteem and honest contribution to the support of the poorest members of our society the disabled which I believe the govt is morally obliged to support.

We want to be able to contribute, but please remove this terrible obstacle, of asset testing incomes. Yours Truly,