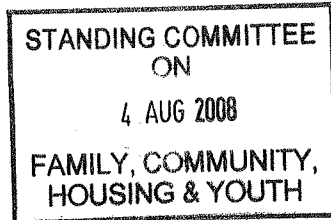


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Ms Annette Ellis MP
Committee Chair
Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Ellis

As a Carer, I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers.

As a carer, I provide the following support *cleaning of the house, washing, taking wife to Dr appointments, outings, cooking meals, doing everything for her really.*

I face the following problems ...

Wife really depressed and how to understand her, condition

I can't fully participate in social activities because ...

I need to see if someone can pop in to check on her.

I am financially struggling because of ...

Wifes attitude towards finance, just spends & doesn't care,

I need help with ...

Dealing with a Dementia patient. so I Don't get myself so stressed.

I would like to work (full-time or part-time) but have the following issues to deal with ...

retired no longer work age 73.

I need assistance to ...

Help with long^{time} ^{the} future care of my wife, like placement into a home when needed, in years to come

I worry about my future because ...

My health suffers, people say take care of yourself, a that's not easy

The things that cause me stress are ...

Outbursts from wife, & how to stay calm.

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

When the patient is assessed by the Aged Care people, maybe talk to carer & family.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Enquiry. I also look forward to reading the report and reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for Carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Roy