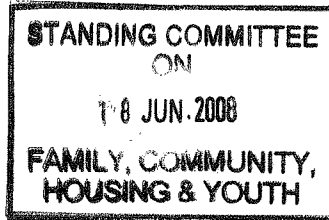


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Dear Secretary

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

To ensure my foster son has the best physical, emotional and developmental care that is possible

I face the following problems ...

• means testing Carers Payment - I receive only \$300 a fortnight.

• lengthy, complicated and very repetitive dealings with Centrelink (forms and constant letters and interviews)

I need help with ...

• housework (this help is not available)

• clear and stable Centrelink income

• ability to decide how to spend funding rather than utilizing services because the Govt. has decided

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

Removing the means test on Centrelink payments

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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Joanna

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