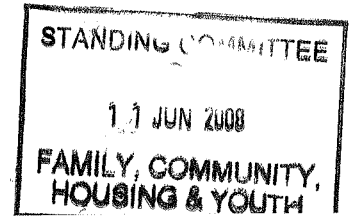


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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Submission No. 173
(Inq into better support for carers)

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...

Carers need for more financial and respite facilities also full time care facilities what cater for all age groups. Not just the elderly. Carers also need easier access to government departments.

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 take care of the person with acquired brain injury and to ensure that all needs are met - both socially and health wise. It is very hard as driving is a must. Public transport is impossible. No respite except for a week or two a year. This is not enough. Also what happens when I can no longer take care of this person.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Petrol costs, heating & cooling costs are high due to constant need to keep the person warm, also in some cases equipment is also needed. What happens when I can no longer afford a car or I need to replace it or have major work done on my home. No money is spare for these things.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

carers need more financial help as they are on call 24 hours 7 days a week 365 days of the year.

Also there needs to be far more accommodation for people with disabilities and this needs to be age related as well as taking into consideration of the competency of that person.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

creating a lot more respite care and home care for carers so that they do not do a lot of the heavy manoeuvring and caring with no time to themselves. Also older carers need the security of knowing that their loved ones will be cared for when they cannot manage. This is not the case at present.

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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

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Print your name

8/6/08

Date