

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I am hopeful that your Standing Committee will give consideration to increasing the carer allowance from its present level of \$50.30 per week

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 care for my wife initially diagnosed Alzheimer's 1998
some years later after M.R.I Scanning re-diagnosed as N.P.H
(Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus) - Shunt operation not recommended*

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

My wife requires constant care (unable to carry out normal household duties) help to sit down, to get in + out of bed to shower + toilet - unable to walk without assistance has Walker/transit chair, unable to put in eye drops (glaucoma) and is incontinent + hand mentia

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

I am grateful for the help I already receive as a returned
Serviceman (W.W.II) at very modest cost thru Veterans Home care
and Vasey RSL care community Services (Shower 3 times per week)
also respite 4 hrs per week

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Getting them to understand (particularly new carers) that
their life changes, and to accept this. - I have benefited to some
extent by attending classes with other carers, where an experienced
professional has listened to problems raised, asked questions,
and in turn given guidance

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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

Print your name

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Date

30TH JUNE 2008