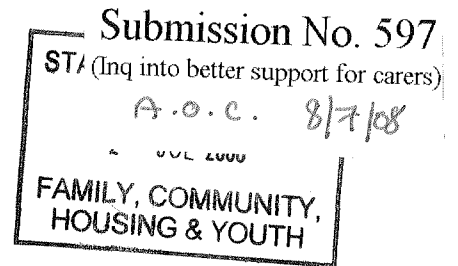


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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 a carer of my mother who has dementia.
Diagnosed in 2000 she is still living independently
with the support of myself, sister + her sister +
friends + my kids + husband

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 support my mother to be safe, healthy +
assured in her life. I need to contact
many health related + organisational bodies
who support my mother living at home.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Not enough time - There are never enough hours
to do what should be done.

Not enough financial support - Mum now needs
more assistance to live independently. We are
getting to a point where she'll need to go into
a home, because I cannot do ~~all that~~ ^{all that} is required to be done for her.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

lots of things!

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Raising more financial assistance. Mum is on a CAPS package providing a \$125 per week for her care. It's now not enough. She is not eligible for the FACH package. There needs to be a middle package.

The carers allowance More information is attached on a separate sheet

I have received only ^{needs to be raised} covers 1 hour of my wage. It is measly. But I do not do for the ^{money!}
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

Maryanne
Print your name

8/6/08
Date