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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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is ...

To care for my adult daughter with an intellectual disability, to help her become as independent as is possible for her to be and to ensure she will have quality of life when I am no longer able to care for her.,

I face the following problems ...

She has an intellectual disability. This means that she will never be able to do many things that most people take for granted, however much she is trained and however hard she tries.

I need help with ...

Ensuring she has a home to go to which will provide her with the same level of care that she receives with me and that she slowly gets used to the idea of living without me.

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

Realising that our adult children, by virtue of their citizenship of this Country, are entitled to be treated with compassion and decency and should never be made to feel that they are charitable cases.

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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