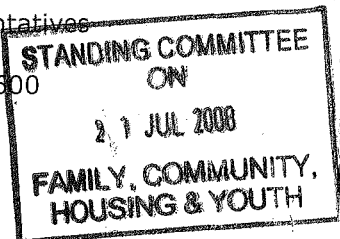


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Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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

Protect, assist, sacrifice my own social & (sometimes emotional) needs. Research, & educate.

I face the following problems ...

Lack of Govt support ie:- respite, professional services (at low, or no cost.) Support from the dept of education regarding ADHD & other Co-morbid disorders, ie O.P.D & Sensory integration dysfunction.

I need help with ...

My son's educational needs, emotional needs, future planning for him so that he doesn't end up in either the Justice system, or dead.

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

Widening the scope on mental health. There are so many mental disorders, but only a select few are supported. For example, my son is borderline aspergers syndrome, but not autistic. Therefore I get no govt support.

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
[Sign your name here]

[Type or clearly print your name here] Nicola

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