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# CARERS ARE NOT BLUDGERS

## **Carers are the most generous people in our society**

Carers are not welfare, carers are service providers that are not recognised by the government for the work that they do.

Carers are at the front line of medical intervention in the long term support of a person with a disability.

The work that carers provide save the tax payers of Australia over \$30 billion per year, not millions but billions of dollars every year.

The government is uncaring and indifferent to the huge savings that carers contribute to the Australian economy, not only are they doing a job 7 days a week, 365 days a year and being paid a pittance, they are treated as slave labour and are not entitled to any basic benefits such as a minimum wage, sick leave, overtime rates, workers compensation or superannuation. This is an attack on a carer's basic human rights.

The government's bedside manner to the most generous people in our society is to withdraw an annual cash bonus that is insulting in itself for the lack of recognition of the \$30 billion dollars per year that the government is saving by employing carers as slave labour.

**Forget work choices, this is an attack on ones quality of life!**

Carers are being treated as mugs that they are told to work at the cold face until they die

If the person you are caring for dies first, then the pittance that you were paid by the government is stopped and the carer is left to become a beggar in the street as a reward for their generosity in saving the government \$30 billion dollars every year.

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

Would you sacrifice your life to be a carer? You would have to be a proper mug

Remember the sting in the tail to be grateful for those people making a fine living out of our misfortune.

### **SERVICES DON'T PAY THE BILLS**

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