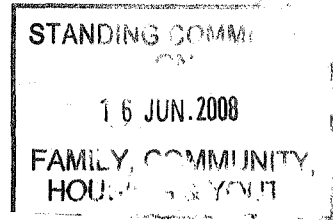


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 147
(Inq into better support for carers)

Dear Secretary

A.O.C.
25/6/08

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 and have been for over 10 years.

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...

Support the person I care for.
To assist them to access services within
the wider community as they choose to
or need to

More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Lack of finances
Lack of support for young carers under 40 years
Lack of respite
Lack of support within wider community

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

More money so we don't live on the poverty line
as we do
More awareness of the role a carer plays in
the wider community
Emergency respite for when a carer becomes
ill suddenly

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

recognizing carers for the role they play
Providing financial support for all carers
not means tested.
I also feel the person cared for should not
have to be on a pension. The carer should
get financial support regardless.
As more costs are involved if the person
is not on a pension

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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

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Print your name

9/6/08

Date

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Provide more support in wider community
e.g. funding for carer support groups

More funding for respite both planned and
emergency respite

