

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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FAMILY, COMMUNITY,
HOUSING & YOUTH

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...

MY HUSBAND & I HAVE BEEN CARERS FOR OUR
DAUGHTER FOR 41 YRS. SHE WAS BORN INTELLECTUALLY
DISABLED & APART FROM SMALL AMOUNTS OF
RESPIRE SHE HAS BEEN WITH US ALL THAT TIME.

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...

OUR ROLE HAS BEEN FULL TIME CARERS
FOR HER NEEDS. WE ALSO PROVIDE MOST OF
HER TRANSPORT ON A DAILY BASIS. WE HAVE
PROVIDED A HOME FOR HER SAVING THE
GOVERNMENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

WE ARE STILL TIED TO A SCHOOL SYSTEM OF
9 AM - 3 PM. THE RISING COST OF FUEL & THE TIME FRAME AS
LIMITS OUR ABILITY ABOVE TO ATTEND EVENTS AWAY FROM OUR
TOWN.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

MY DAUGHTERS FUTURE EG ACCOMODATION ^{MORE MONEY} NEEDED,
THERE IS A LACK OF FUNDS AVAILABLE & WE ARE
LEFT WONDERING WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE
CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE. BELEIVE IT OR NOT WE
HAVE THE SAME LIFE EXPECTANCY AS EVERYONE ELSE.
OUR HAIR TURNED GREY LONG AGO.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

GIVING BACK TO CARERS THE ABILITY TO HAVE
CHOICES EG WORK, HOLIDAYS EVEN THE ABILITY
TO ENJOY THEIR RETIREMENT BY PROVIDING SOME
OF THE MONEY WE HAVE SAUED THEM ~~FOR~~ FOR
ACCOMODATION FOR OUR PERSONS. THIS WOULD
HELP CARERS IMMENSLEY.

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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

17-06-08

Date