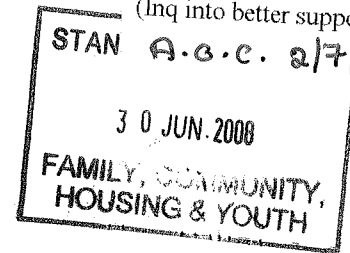


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 437
(Inq into better support for carers)



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...

Carers have different needs + some carers are very neglected as their needs are great.

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...

To give my daughter as much quality of life as I can.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

My daughter needs high level, 24hr care. To get help at short notice for 1 day or a few hours is impossible. My husband + I work out our routine so I can get things done. Without his help I would be really struggling.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Transport is the main hurdle at present. Living 35 kms from hospitals + ~~decades~~ no public transport. Taxis are expensive + unreliable with waiting. Government needs to supply carers, ^{who need them} with fully equipped vans, so we can be independant.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

I think the Government can better help carers by ... increasing carer benefits would help. Supplying carers with the proper equipment they need free of charge and when not needed anymore that equipment can be used by other carers - eg: lifters, beds, vehicles, pumps etc etc. My personal problem is with a reliable vehicle to transport my daughter around.

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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

24-10-08

Date