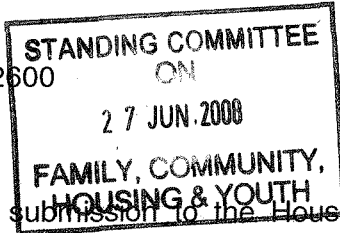


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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Submission No. 489
(Inq into better support for carers)



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...

A damned sight more respect should be shown to carers by District nurses/hospital nurses—nursing home nurses. A lot more respect should be shown for carers homes and furniture by Royal District nurses—social workers and doctors Receptionists/hospital switchboard operators.

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 keep the elderly alive in their own home for a lot longer than they would survive on the like food served in certain institutions to the elderly. I have saved the government hundreds of thousands of dollars: by caring for my Father for years. I have received no recognition of my role. Now I do not even have decent housing.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

As an ex carer I am unable to get any work opportunities. I most certainly will never work ~~as a~~ in the paid work force as a carer. I find any suggestion that anybody who has cared for years for a family member; would continue to be a carer in the paid work force.

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we ex carers want decent, agreeable and well paid jobs in the workforce. we also want governments to fund carers and their families.

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Money — carer payments
Carer allowance: must be doubled.
All pensions must be doubled, at
once.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Make low — or even no interest loans
available to carers and ex carers — these
housing loans should be government
loans — not Bank loans.

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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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