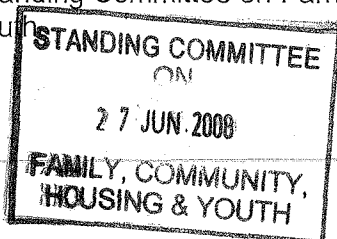


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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(Inq into better support for carers)

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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...

I have been a Carer for my husband for 48 yrs
And my son for 25 yrs. They both have
Schizophrenia.

I also lost a son at the age of 42 yrs he also
had a Mental Illness. 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...

Over the years I have worked parttime.
I have had to learn about Mental Illness
change my life to fit in with my
caring role. My own health has suffered
with heart and stroke.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Housing is a big issue. Carers need
to know that their relative is safe
and has somewhere to live.

With some on going support.

Carer also need a one stop shop when looking
for help or respite.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

If there more supports for the person with the Mental Illness that would help my needs as a Carer.

e.g. Visitors Program, Community Worker. More Day Programs to suit these needs.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Making the Carer Allowance increased in real dollars for the Carers role and the hours, years of caring. Also the forms that Centre Link have do not suit the need of Carers who come under Mental illness.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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

Date

25.6.08.