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**Committee Secretary,
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers,
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth.
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Parliament House ,
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

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 a 75 yrs, old mother of a 53 yrs. old mentally disabled son, Kim
He is able to attend Endeavour Industries Workshop for five days
per week – in fact as a 6 year old he was one of he first pupils at the local
Endeavour school.**

**My biggest worry is accommodation for Kim. He needs to be with his own
friends, if possible and I cannot get funding. Endeavour asks for
approximately \$40,000 annually.**

**Through the Carer Respite Centre in Mackay Kim recently has had two hours
on a Saturday afternoon which he has really enjoyed. However, this funding
has now finished but although I am an Age Pensioner I shall endeavour to
keep the outings going even though the cost will be \$42 hourly plus fuel
charge.**

**There are many aged people in Mackay requiring housing for handicapped
sons and daughters and a cluster type of accommodation allowing for house
parents or carers would be a dream come true.**

**I look forward to receiving and reviewing any recommendations you may
make to improve the life for Carers in Australia.**

Yours sincerely,

Barbara