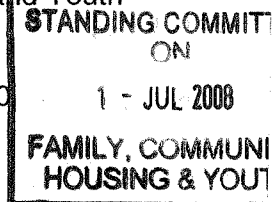


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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Submission No. 649

(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...

AS A CARER OF A 31 YEAR OLD SON WITH DISABILITIES
I AM GRAVELY CONCERNED FOR HIS WELL BEING WHEN
I AM DEAD AND LEADING UP TO MY DEATH

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 ACCOMMODATE, SUPPORT, CLOTH, FEED, ENTERTAIN
AND PROVIDE RESPIRE FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

THE CARERS REBATE & INVALID PENSION DO NOT
ADEQUATELY REIMBURSE US NOR DO THEY APPEAR
TO BE ADEQUATE FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDING FOR
RESPIRE, ACCOMMODATION, AND OTHER COSTS ABOVE.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

BUILD SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SHARE ACCOMMODATION AND
RESPIRE HOUSES. IF YOU CONTINUE TO CLOSE INSTITUTIONS
THEN DON'T PUT THE MONEY INTO CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.
IF YOU SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONCEPT, THEN
SUPPORT THE FAMILIES THAT ARE WEARING THE BURDEN.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- (A) INCREASE INVALID PENSIONS TO A SUSTAINABLE
LEVEL FOR SELF SUPPORT & SELF ESTEEM.
- (B) INCREASE CARER ALLOWANCES & PENSIONS
- (C) SUBSIDISE ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORT (PUBLIC & TAXIS)
- (D) SUBSIDISE BUSINESS' TO A GREATER AMOUNT FOR
THOSE WHO EMPLOY
DISABLED.

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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

ROBERT

Print your name

26.6.2008.

Date*