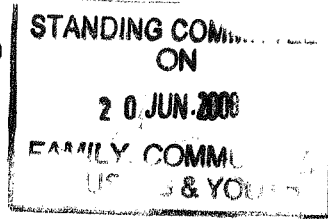


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Dear Secretary

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

undervalued and ignored. I have had to give up
work to care for my son and for this my payment
is \$100.00 straight up.

I face the following problems ...

grossly inadequate funding for respite and
for my son to access the community. At present he
receives funding to buy 80 hrs of support /week. This is
virtual house arrest for an intelligent young man who
I need help with ... also attends university.

access to reliable, well paid support workers

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

insisting that state governments provide
adequate funding to disabled people so
that they can have a life outside their homes,
thereby reducing pressure on carers & allowing carers to keep working.

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
[Sign your name here]

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