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(Better Support for Carers)

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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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CANBERRA ACT 2600

* died 2000, at home

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...

my husband (1996) suffered from Huntington's Disease & 2 of my children (40yrs & 37yrs) have the gene.

One married, one single 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 make sure that the sufferers get as much care as needed! Verbal
ie: Medical care, housing, medicines, drugs etc

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Social isolation!
TIME
Cost of care \$
Travelling restrictions
Services unavailable in the country!

More information is attached on a separate sheet

* Married daughter lives in Canberra.

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Future needs.

* ACT? - Housing / hostels
- help
- hospitals
- clinics

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Providing special homes
for young people
who are handicapped
eg: MS, HD, patients.
Separate from aged care.

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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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