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(Inq into better support for carers)

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
16 JUN 2008
FAMILY, COMMUNITY,
HOUSING & YOUTH

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...

Financially carers are going
backwards. Allowance has
been the same for years.

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...

Very important as they keep
people in their own homes, saving
the Government many millions.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

In my case social activity is at a
standstill because the shift from
bed to wheelchair to vehicle is so
distressing that my wife prefers to
stay home with books & TV.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Mainly finance. Many carers are seeking work to help them keep going. Workers in general are calling for more money to help cope with increases in living costs.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Bringing the carer allowance up to 2008 and indexing it to the C.P.I. as required.

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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

11-6-2008.

Date