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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

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 ...

To provide a home for my daughter and to support her by carrying out those tasks for her that her disability prevents her from doing

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I face the following problems ...

The major concern is what happens to my daughter when my husband and myself can no longer support her. The planning for supported accommodation has been and continues to be totally inadequate. Nothing can happen until circumstances are at a crisis point.

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I need help with ...

Easing the stress caused by concern as to the welfare of our daughter when we can no longer care for her

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

Providing funding to enable supported accommodation (similar to what is done for aged care) for the disabled.

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Instituting a means of planning for the required level of accomodation

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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

Margaret