

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

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Submission No. 992
(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...

I AM A CARER THAT IS STRUGGLING

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...

OF GREAT BENEFIT TO MY SON
CARING, CLEANING, ACCESSING SPECIALISTS,
BEING ON CALL 24/7, PATIENCE, UNABLE TO WORK
OUTSIDE THE HOME BUT WANTING TO WITH HELP

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

ISOLATION
NOT FEELING ABLE TO ASK 4 HELP
" " " " KNOW WHERE TO GO 4 HELP
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
EMOTIONAL "

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

FINANCE

CLEARER, UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO SERVICES

KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO CARERS

EMERGENCY CONTACTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

FINANCE & ACCESS!!!

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

SPENDING A DAY OR TWO IN OUR SHOES

MORE & QUICKER FINANCIAL HELP

CLEARER ACCESS TO SERVICES

REVIEWS OF SERVICES (QUALITY-CONTROL OFFICERS TO MAKE SURE EVERY CARER ACCESS APPROPRIATE SERVICES)

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EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

UNDERSTANDING LIMITED HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

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

KATHY

Print your name

14.7.08

Date