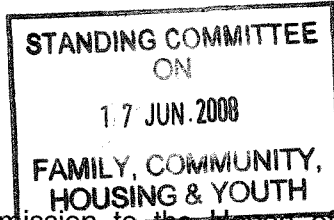


CARERS FOR DISABLED

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 90
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.O.C. 23/6/08



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...

CARERS ARE TREATED UNFAIRLY, WITHOUT COMPASSION and little understanding of the problems presented to them.

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...

UNDERESTIMATED. AFTER ALL WE ARE SAVING THE government millions of dollars keeping disabled people at home. I have had to spend \$23,000 on adapting the house so it is livable by my wife who has had a stroke. I am unable to claim any assistance.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

12 months before work could be accomplished and it urgent to adapt the bathroom/toilet before my wife feel again. I hardly ever go out. I have to continue working (age 78 yr) because the cost of employing a carer far exceeds the contribution (paltry) from centrelink.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Money would help, involving more specialist firms to cater for needs of the disabled.

GREATER allowance for carers

Even a reply from local member would be

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reassuring ~~ENNY MACKLIN~~ MACKLIN

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Assessing their need individually.

Persuading & informing the treasurer & the appropriate minister of their needs.

They are both clearly ignorant of the desperate situation that many people are

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in My impression is they Just DO NOT CARE

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

Print your name

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