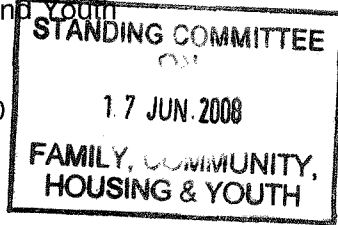


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 205
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 27/6/08

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...

I care for my mother, who at times finds herself stricken with physical and mental illnesses,

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 take care of my mother when she can't do every day activities.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Finance, My mother's illnesses cause her to avoid work and therefore it is difficult to pay for TAFE fees, medical costs and other recreational activities (ie dancing).

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

financial help in dues, Homehelp & care for my mother when is unwell, and I am at school.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

acknowledging that carers need to be able to take care of the person they care for as well as themselves and therefore cannot help their parents/siblings/friends while they are trying to manage their own lives, and need both emotional and financial support for it.

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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.

Cemal

Print your name

12/6/2008

Date