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(Inq into better support for carers)

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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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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...

*As a Carer of over 50 years
 I have come to realize just
 how much help carers need*

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 keep my loved one (daughter)
 at home, but endeavour to
 maintain normality within
 the whole family*

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

*Time to interact is almost
 non - available -
 Financially it's out of the
 question to consider socializing
 - even if circumstances permitted*

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Time — more help with
laundry & showering etc.
and care of loved one: to
give some freedom

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Provide money — more is so
needed. More care time
and respite care and to
know there is suitable
permanent accommodation when
that time comes.

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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

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Print your name

Date

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