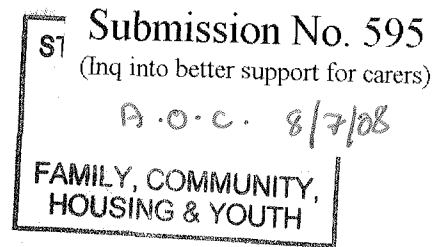


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I have been since 1975 the primary carer for two family members. There was a break of approx 10-15 years.

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 constantly be in touch with my caree even now, when caree is a full-time resident in a nursing home. Assistance to doctors & health care staff can be valuable from information provided by carers.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Personally N/A now. Slight improvements since '75
Young carers need great support with finance & respite. They often have high maturity & great potential.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Well planned respite options for all carers.

A system providing mentors & help for young carers with educational needs.

Good access for emotional support essential

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Better funding for properly operated Support Groups. These organizations are invaluable for carers. Subjects for research are often sourced ^{FROM} these groups. Conferences for information also provided which becomes expensive for carers to help facilitate

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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

29th June, 2008

Date