

STANDING COMMITTEE  
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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008,

Mrs., Annette

Committee Secretary,  
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth  
P.O. Box 6021  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Submission No. 706  
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 17/7/08

Dear, Jenny Macklin, RE: Parliament Inquiry- Better Support For Carer's.

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth Inquiry into Better Support for Carer's.

\* Reference: Enclosed previous letter, and reasons WHY?

I have only just received my Carer's Newsletter today, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Which doesn't give me a lot of time to get my points and needs across, and into your hands before this essential Enquiry takes place. Therefore I ask you to except in the limited time involved. A copy of my enclosed previous letter and how greatly it will both immediately and even more importantly effect the life of my Husband – Patient, and me the Carer, in the future, and **WHY THIS MATTER IS SO VITAL!** Plus the fact that because I was so concerned about this extremely serious issue. For the last few weeks, I have spent an enormous amount of time already dealing with this issue, by writing and had unedited press articles appearing in several Country Press Newspapers". In addition to taking the time to write and send Express paid a relevant and important letter, containing all the information concerned direct to HON, NICK XENEPHON , SENATOR OF SA .Knowing from past experience that we needed someone to fight for the people of Hammond (17 towns were effected ) Many, many Carer's are scattered throughout all those towns.

To that ends I also delivered in person the same copies to ROSEMARY WARMINTON C.E.O CARER'S SA AUSTRALIA., realizing the vital importance of arming her with the information needed to fight on our behalf, on the other side of this issue, through her Parliamentary Supporters. Due to nobody fully realizing all the ramification and implications, if this vital essential service, was lost. Rosemary Warmington didn't know anything about this travesty, which would have affected more than half of the area of Hammond. Especially the Carer's with in all those towns through the region of Hammond.

Fortunately it appears at present that through public pressure we have been able to turn things around.

However what concerns me, is how long for, no indications have been offered yet? Big Question mark, looms above this wait and see attitude. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, MUST THE GOVERNMENT, NAMELY PATRICK COLON, OR MIKE RANN, BE ALLOWED TO GO BACK ON THEIR WORD LATER ON. AXING ESSENTIAL BUS SERVICES, SUPPORTING THESE 17 TOWNS CONCERNED. By these types of foolhardy decisions like the country health issue too. They are putting our lives at great risk and more especially the loved ones that we have taken the responsibility of caring for.

Please accept my apology for not setting this letter out better, time is of the essence. Please also accept my letter and concerns in the spirit that they are meant!

Thanking you in anticipation, of your dedicated work to fight for the rights and needs of the Carer's of SA Australia., and 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 Carer's in Australia.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs., Annette

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Adrian Pederick MP JP  
"Member for Hammond"  
20 Mannum Road,  
MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Dear Sir,

**Re: Continued Support of Local Coorong Bus Service in Lameroo & Districts.**

I am taking the time to write to you, as our local Member of Parliament, so that I can emphasize on the vital importance of this bus service continuing. As it is very important that we don't lose this valuable local means of support, for those who need it the most. I believe too, that their next lot of government funding is also due for further consideration ?.

Just as importantly I would also like to endorse the excellence of all people concerned in the running of the "Coorong Bus Service" which is working so well, because of their genuine caring and concern for the needs, of all the local people within the community.

In addition too, because, I truly believe that is vitally important to let the right people know our local concerns, and our reasons why. Regarding the necessity of this local transportation service that is presently still being provided for the Lameroo & Districts community and it's people. Before it's to late!

\* Although not an old person by most people's standards, but! due to sever osteoporosis, and other medical factors In addition to not having a car myself, or being able to drive, and now even, more recently, having been diagnosed, with a heart condition. I therefore rely very heavily on this wonderful local service for my shopping on Tuesdays, and too, the local fellowship lunch at the Lameroo Day Care Centre.. In addition now, my new husband Trevor Bannigan, was recently diagnosed with serious bowel cancer and is presently under going a lengthy chemotherapy treatment, here in Lameroo. So he is not always well enough to drive his car. Trevor is a seventy three year old man, and his medical condition, is only the start of more and more reliance on all of our local support systems, in the future..

\* I would also like to add, how important it will be for both of use in the future, and rely more heavily on the again, wonderful supportive, caring "Outreach Service", including it's transportation service. Just today, I have retuned yet again, from a third appointment in less than three months from visiting my Cardiologist in Murray Bridge. This too we must not lose.

However, I do fully realize, that people using it regularly will determine the continuance of this service. So to that end, I am doing my best, to stress to others in the local area, how important that we all use these services provided. Otherwise we could be in danger of losing them. So I'm doing what I can to help support this very worthwhile local bus service. My husband and I have also used the "Coorong Bus Service", to go over to Berri, to a friend of mine, and will do so even more often in the future.

I fully realize that you are a very busy person.. So I Thank you for your time, and interest in reading my letter and giving consideration to the enclosed important facts. I have always supported my local community in any way I can, and I will continue to do so..

Thanking you in anticipation, of your reply.

Yours Sincerelv

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