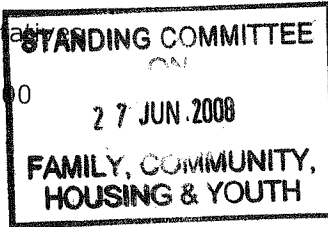


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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

One that has been thrust upon me - no choice. Demanding, exhausting, full-time, thankless

I face the following problems ...

My husband has Lewy-body dementia - ie Alzheimers + Parkinsons. He is increasingly dependent on my care. He frequently fails to recognise me, and demands that I get out of "his" house etc.

I need help with ...

Respite - respite - respite - on a regular basis.

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

Training more workers in the field, and providing more respite services, as a right, not as a favour

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
[Sign your name here]

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Christine

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