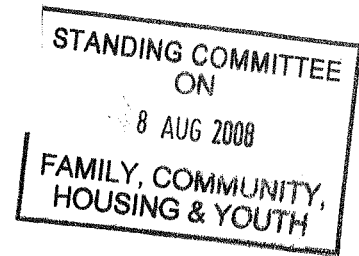


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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
PO Box 6021
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to your Committee regarding better support for Carers. As for myself, I have a 79 year old husband in the early stages of Dementia I have wonderful support from the Aged Care Team at Royal North Shore Hospital and it was suggested that I join Carers Australia. I do not need this service at present but I panic sometimes when I think what may happen in the future or if I become unable to care for him.

I know of many carers with bigger problems than I have, particularly ageing parents with Downs Syndrome adult children. I would like them to be able to have better access to first class services.

I wish you every success,

Heather