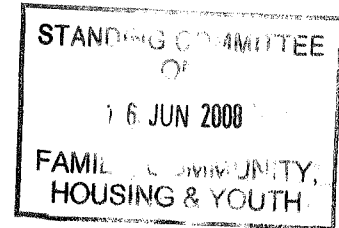


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
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Submission No. 146
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C.
25/6/08

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...

IT IS HIGHTIME THIS AND PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENTS GOT OFF THEIR BACK SIDES
AND STARTED LOOKING AFTER THE
FORMER BACK BONE OF THIS COUNTRY

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1. The role and contribution of carers in society

As a carer, I feel that my role is...

IS TO TRY AND KEEP MY CARE PERSON
LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL IN THE
COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOME

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

LIVING IN A RURAL TOWN WITH NO
SUPPORT, THE COST OF CAR REGISTRATION
AND PETRO PRICES LIMITS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
IN NEARBY RURAL CITIES (BALLARAT OR ARARAT)
AS THERE IS NOTHING FOR CARERS IN BEAUFORT
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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

CARERS
ALLOW.

FINANCE AS AN AGED PENSIONER. THE
\$100 PER FORTNIGHT DOES NOT GO FAR.
THESE DAYS. A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
IN CARERS ALLOWANCE (MAYBE BY \$100 PER FORTNIGHT)
WOULD MAKE LIFE A LITTLE BIT EASIER

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF NURSING HOMES. } PRISONS
BY HELP CARERS TO LOOK AFTER THOSE
LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE AT HOME.

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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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Date

10 - JUNE 2008