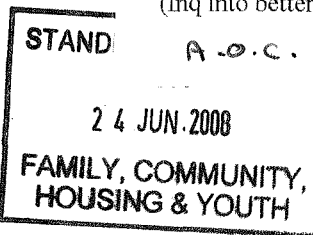


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 324

(Inq into better support for carers)



A.O.C. 30/6/08

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...

I feel part payment, little as it is, should continue, the caring will be with us forever. I appreciate the big load has been taken from me. I still drive him to specialists appointments otherwise, extra costs. More information is attached on a separate sheet

1. The role and contribution of carers in society

^{Past}
As a carer, I feel that my role is...

On going - even now my husband is in "Care". Carers payment has stopped for me, but the caring goes on, checking with staff, he knows when his appointments are & does he receive them. Journeys into town to pay medical bills, sorting out what he thinks are problems to him. etc, etc. More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

More information is attached on a separate sheet

3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Funded transport, when my husband has specialist appointments

More information is attached on a separate sheet

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

*Visiting some of Carers homes to see exactly what goes on behind doors.
More personnel help is needed.*

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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

Sarah

Print your name

17-6-08

Date