

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives 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.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

Generally Carers are carrying horrendous burdens. Mine is mild compared to many others, but I foresee it becoming heavier as both I, and my husband, age.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

1. The role and contribution of carers in society

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

To care for my spouse, so he does not need to go into "care". Thus he will not be a burden on the community

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Not much "Me Time".
Having to make decisions on my own about things like house repairs, car maintenance, etc which I know little about.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Financing special needs. For example we received a once off grant to help pay for a modified bathroom. Now we need a ramp at the back door, which will be quite expensive, but have to bear the full cost ourselves

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Supporting Carers Australia very heavily as they are invaluable.
As mentioned in Q3 - some financial support for home modifications

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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

SALLY
Print your name

26th June 2008
Date