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Submission No. 469

(Inq into better support for carers)

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Dear Secretary,

I would like to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing Youth & Local Inquiry.

I am a 64 year (young) carer of my paraplegic husband, he became disabled as a result of work related accident nearly 7 yrs ago.

I contribute to society by doing this to save the tax payers more expense for his care in other areas for as long as I'm able, since then married for 45 yrs. I gave up a school crossing job to do this also, wage was about the same as carers payment I got now, my financial area took

aattering while he was in hospital, I got down to less than \$500.00 in savings, I applied 3 times for help before it was passed by Centre Link. This caused me a lot of stress also & then in 2002 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I'm one of the lucky ones caught in time, needed surgery, but no Radium or Chem, I was really scared to have that if needed, thank God I didn't.

My husband was a very positive man & just got on with life, he helped me lots, in our trials in life, we still live each day to the full. We both would like to see more help given to ~~young~~ young people for housing, not old age homes.

Also preferred given to our own little home

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residence, who have worked & paid taxes to this country, before extraditing from other countries, who don't want to become citizens of the "Great Country Australia"

I have seen lots of tragic cases just pushed aside for foreigners rights to be seen before helping even when on T.V. a news paper article.

This needs to be looked at by both parties & stop all this future that gets on, after all the "TAX PAYER'S OF AUSTRALIA" pay their incomes so don't forget we voted you in, we can just as easily vote you out if needed.

Yours Faithfully

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