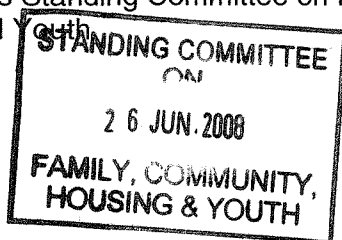


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 533
(Inq into better support for carers)



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 am a carer for my husband and I believe that carers do not get enough financial or service support from the government.

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 support my husband by any means I can. To access services available to myself and my husband. To act as a mediator between my husband and services.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Social: Inability to leave husband at home if unable to access respite for the day - to go out visiting, shopping etc - to care for my own health etc needs.

Economic: Economic strain on ~~att~~ by all parties involved in care - whether travel, taking days off work for medical appointments etc.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

- Access to appropriate services / ^{Knowing all the} services available.
- Acquiring a Case Manager
- Respite.
- My own medical / emotional needs.
- Advocacy

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- * Giving us more money to cover the increasing cost of living - petrol, food, etc.
- * Increased services within the country areas.
- * Increased Advocacy.

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

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Print your name

22-06-08

Date