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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. 710

(Inq into better support for carers)

DEAR SECRETARY,

WE WISH TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY, COMMUNITY, HOUSING & YOUTH'S INQUIRY INTO BETTER SUPPORT FOR CARERS.

AS CARERS WE FEEL OUR ROLE IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE FOR OUR 39 YEAR OLD SON WHO IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON OTHERS FOR ALL HIS DAILY NEEDS.

WE FACE THE PROBLEM OF OUR INCREASING AGE WHICH DIMINISHES OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE AND SUPPORT FOR A MAN APPROACHING MIDDLE AGE.

DUE TO OUR INCREASING AGE (80yrs and 75yrs) WE NEED TO HAVE OUR SON DAVID PLACED IN PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL CARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HIGH QUALITY PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL CARE.

THANKYOU FOR TAKING OUR VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION AS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MAKE TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR CARERS IN AUSTRALIA

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