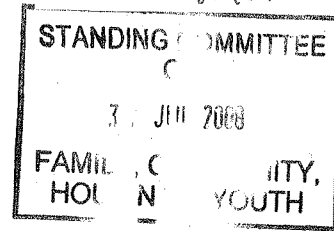


Committee Secretary
 Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
 Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

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...

I am personally involved, being a carer for my husband ^(Raymond) who is 77 & who has C.O.A.D (Chronic obstruction airways disease) & also has Macular Degeneration (a sight disease).

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...

A multi purpose one, consisting of chauffeur, nurse, housekeeper, cook, gardener etc. to do my best to keep him out of hospital. A big job for a 72 year old person.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Having very little social life.
 Our Carers Support meeting once a month being a highlight for me as I feel I can share my feelings there & be understood.
 Finding enough money to pay bills at times.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

maybe a voucher for petrol occasionally,
more help with services eg. home help,
gardener etc.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

more funding to councils to allow
more workers to assist where needed,
for carers.

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

Print your name

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