

Submission No. 1092

(Inq into better support for carers)

3-7-08.

Committee Sec.

Standing Committee on Family & Youth

Dear Secretary,

I have been a full time carer for my husband who has dementia & is now in a nursing home. I think one of the most important things for me was to have access to a day care facility, & I think every country town should have one to keep carers sane! I was most fortunate that one became available just before my husband was in full care, & it made

a huge difference to my life & to my husband's state of mind.

I am a self-funded retiree. We bought shares & saved for our future & I am not sure of my own future as Bentelink required that we pay quite a bit above the daily fee because of our assets. I am not at all sure if that is fair, & it certainly doesn't encourage me to be independent & saving.

I trust this may help

Yours faithfully

F. B.

(Mrs).

P.S. I am a member of the Walcha Support Group & am writing this on their behalf.

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