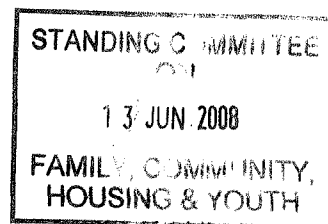Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 120
(Inq into better support for carers)

A O.C. 25/6/08

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...

As us Baby Boomers get older and older there is "No" Housing to accomodate these people after Parent or Carer pass on. This is a huge problem and should be addressed urgently.

☐ *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 continue with the total care of the client in every aspect. Personal Care, feeding, Bathing E.T.C. Also to assist with helping the client to reach their full potential in every way possible

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Lack of Social Activities in the community Social integration with so called Normal People is difficult as they think there is a chance that they or their off-spring might catch whatever the client might have.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with …

Community Awareness. Empathy. Just a little. We are not looking for people in general to feel sorry for our client or us but a little respect would go along way.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

I think the Government can better help carers by …

Stronger Television Campaigns. More main stream school and special development school interaction.

High profile the likes of the Special Olympics so that it's not screened behind closed doors and discussed. Train & work to their best ability.

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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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