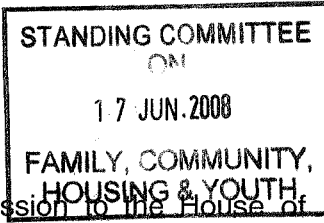


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 211
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.O.C. 27/6/08



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...

I am a carer who empathised with other carers

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...

Not recognised as a full-time job even though the hours I work may sometimes exceed those on regular 9-5 day occupations

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

inability to work as being a carer takes up my daily life. No other possible means of income besides welfare because of my carers commitment. Cannot afford school uniform, computer or fix car if emergency arises. Hardly cash to save.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

unsecured finance ^{fix car} ^{computer}
other emergencies

- healthy inexpensive food ^{food bank}

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

- having caring facilities for 12-17 year olds

- providing petrol vouchers

- providing food banks

- providing cards that ~~can~~ can be used to fix cars, or items at discount prices,

- card for discount home furniture

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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

Rita

Print your name

Date

10 June '08