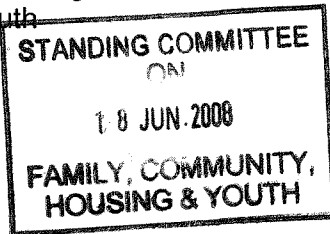


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Submission No. 230  
(Inq into better support for carers)



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...

Carers perform an invaluable role  
and save Government and taxpayers an  
incalculable amount of money - and they/we  
do it and receive peanuts in return!

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...

Very Underrated and under paid.  
I care for a person with mental health problems  
it is a 24 hour a day 7 days a week role  
and my contribution is ignored by  
Government.

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**2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers**

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

I have no time to call my own,  
I have no money to go anywhere and  
I have no support from anyone

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**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

Finances - Carers need more financial  
recognition for their role  
Support network - others who understand  
the demands

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

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

giving them more subsidies to services  
- even to recreation activities - A carer  
can only provide care while they remain  
in good health, waiting 9-12 months for  
dental treatment is appalling

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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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Print your name

14/06/08

Date