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(Inq into better support for carers)

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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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

to raise my children to the best of my ability and
to be able to access appropriate support as I require

I face the following problems ...

- ongoing financial difficulties due to level of pension support,
 - lack of suitable respite options for young disabled adults,
 - ongoing continuity problems with employment support agencies,
 - lack of appropriate, affordable accommodation options.
- I need help with ...

- accessing suitable accommodation for 22 yo young woman (^{my} daughter) who has high functioning autism.
 - raise the rate of disability and carer pensions.
 - access ongoing social skills groups for young adults,
 - alternatives to traditional full time employment.
- I think the Government can better help Carers by ...

- raising the level of carer payment (due to employment restrictions)
- case manager for each family to identify and access needs.
- suitable accommodation options for my children.

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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