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STANDING COMMITTEE
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FAMILY, COMMUNITY
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Submission No. 638

(Inq into better support for carers)

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.

AS A CARER, I FEEL THAT MY ROLE IS A COMBINATION OF WIFE,
COMPANION, NURSE, MOTHER, DOCTOR, CHEF, DICTATOR AND
GENERAL FACTOTUM TO NAME BUT A FEW!

I FACE THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS WITH A TALK OBESSE MAN
WHO HAS DEMENTIA, AND THE MENTALITY OF A 3 YR OLD,
WHOM UNLESS TRANQUILISED EXHIBITS PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE
TENDENCIES.

IN ORDER TO KEEP MY HUSBAND OUT OF PERMANENT CARE
FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE I NEED HELP LOOKING AFTER
HIM IE PERSONAL HYGIENE, DAY TO DAY HELP WITH GETTING
HIM DRESSED, FED AND CLEANED. ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSEHOLD
MAINTENANCE AND DOMESTIC CHORES.

I THINK THE GOVERNMENT CAN BETTER HELP CARERS BY PROVIDING
MORE BEDS FOR RESpite AND PERMANENT CARE.

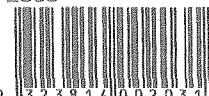
THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION AS
PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO
REVIEWING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MAKE TO IMPROVE LIFE
FOR CARERS IN AUSTRALIA

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