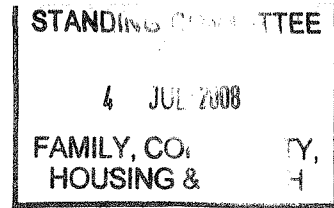


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(Inq into better support for carers)

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
PO Box 6021
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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 care for my mentally disabled son and as such do
qualify for participation in this enquiry.
Thank you for this opportunity.*

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 provide my son, as best I can, with the benefits of
a loving family environment including the stability and
protection necessary for him to develop as a unique
person.*

More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

*As you may realize, the disability itself and the constant
care given, plus aging, may mean that one has little
energy left to expend on outside activities. It is usually
easier, certainly less taxing in almost every way to
just continue coping as usual.*

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

I would like more disposable income to be able to encompass rising costs and to be able to buy the services I feel are according to our priorities.

We (carers) feel that far too much of government funding goes in to job creation etc for consultants professionals of varying stripes to drain off much of the funding, hardly any filters down to families. More information is attached on a separate sheet

Remember we carers work at the coal face every day.

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Increasing income. As carers we are saving the state enormous expense, and would like to be part of the growing economic wealth, and especially those who exist on the carer payment (and I am one of them).

I am grateful for the recent one-off payments but for most people a fall in electricity bills plus house rates will gobble them up, not to mention petrol costs. More information is attached on a separate sheet

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



Signature

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Print your name

28/6/08.

Date

Contact Telephone Number