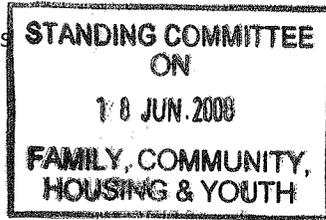


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Submission No. 203
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.O.C. 27/6/08

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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

VERY DEMANDING AS MY PARTNER HAS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. AND NOT CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR, OR IN BED. FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH EVERY DAY LIFE, A THANKLESS, UNAPPRECIATED TASK BY GOVERNMENT.

I face the following problems ...

NEED HELP WITH ONGOING PHYSIO, ONCE A MONTH WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS NO WHERE NEAR ENOUGH. ISOLATION A PROBLEM, NOT HAVING A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSABLE BUS SERVICE, PINSARRA/MANDURAH. TAXI VOUCHERS GREAT, BUT FARE TO MANDURAH + BACK STILL EXPENSIVE.

I need help with ...

WHEN MY PARTNER TRANSFERRED PINSARRA TO MANDURAH HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE I HAVE NO WAY OF GETTING HOME TO PINSARRA OTHER THAN TO PAY FOR TAXI WHICH IS 35.00. HAVING HAD A STROKE I DO NOT DRIVE, OTHER THAN IN PINSARRA. MY PARTNER USUALLY GETS SICK OUTSIDE DOCTORS SURGERY HOURS + NOT HAVING A HOSPITAL HERE MAKES THINGS + LIFE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

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

ALLOWING CARERS USE OF TAXI VOUCHERS IN EMERGENCIES. ALSO LIFTING THE \$25.00 CAPPING FEE. ANYWHERE WE GO IN A TAXI WE ARE AGAIN REIMBURSED FOR LIVING OUTSIDE THE CITY. AM THANKFUL FOR WHAT CARERS DO GET, BUT COULD BE IMPROVED ON.

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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