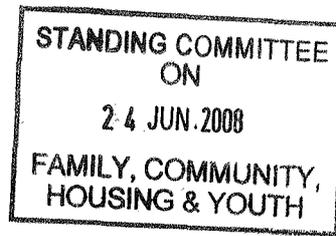


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Secretary

Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

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House of Representatives

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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.

I am a single parent caring for my 21 year old son who has Down Syndrome. My caring role is full time and will continue as long as I am alive as there are very few opportunities for supported accommodation in Rockhampton.

I am a member of Carers Queensland and have been a management committee member for the Capricorn Respite Care Association.

My health is effected due to the continuing stress in my life caring for my son. Employment opportunities are not an option, I would like to participate in the workforce part time but the hours my son has support workers are limited.

More funding from DSQ to give my son more supported hours would benefit me in having some time out for myself and the chance for a normal life.

A day centre for post school clients operating from Monday to Friday and open to all disabilities would serve the Rockhampton community greatly. This support would assist carers to have 'a life' of their own.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing the recommendations you make in order to improve support for carers.

Yours faithfully

Rosemary