

Submission No. 442

(Inq into better support for carers)

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To whom it may concern, the health dept or education dept's did very little to assist my family & self over the years. I did obtain some assist DSC which I utilized effectively to address my child's needs. [Insert date here]

Committee Secretary
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

② extremely important for my family & as a community member, and have successfully brought up 2 children who are independent. I face the following problems... by working full time in contribution to society, one has high functioning Autism

I got little help from the health system, as my child never appeared to meet the criteria - either too intelligent, didn't fit into their square - waiting lists were over the top - there was also the case with the education dept. I need help with...

If I hadn't worked had to obtain privately paid, social skill, OT, anger management, tutoring my son would be in jail now - the

I think the Government can better help Carers by ... govt could have made it a lot easier by offering these services which could be claimed on medical. I had to have private health care where I received little referrals from services I paid for, this only added

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
[Sign your name here]

[Type or clearly print your name here] a responsible parent & carer

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③ Also why should my child like many others have to pay full price for his medications just because he turned 18 yrs of age - his condition hasn't disappeared because he turned 18. why should his medication not be