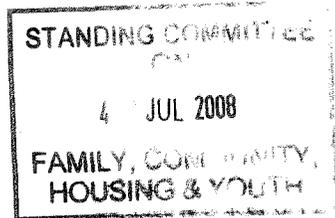


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 932
(Inq into better support for carers)
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Dear 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 submitting to the Inquiry because...

Due to the hard work & responsible parenting & sacrifices we are/were able to be educated & well cared for. In time of need I feel that parent should/could be repaid - We all benefited from our parents' hard work. Life became/is easier for the next generation!

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1. The role and contribution of carers in society

As a carer, I feel that my role is...

- ① To make sure & take responsibility and commitment to daily safe, enjoyable, quality of life for my 86 year old Mum (progressing dementia)
- ② and that my health & well being is not deminished.

Quality of life and future without stress & worry, for both Mum & myself.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

As a carer, I face the following problems ... Unsure of future - how long? When? where? How?

- ① Inability to commit to other social or economic future - due to top priority and responsibility to my Mum (86) with progressing dementia.
- ② Even to take a break, holiday is stressful - what if something happens while I'm away?
- ③ As I also receive @think single person's payment, Limited income = Limited activities!

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Carer's allowance of \$50-per week is an insult for 21 hours plus! Without our care our Mum would require the resources of hostel nurses, cleaners, cook, taxi, supervision with Dr. appointments - Someone to talk with in her own language etc -

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security & dignity, medication, supervision! familiar face!

4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

① Payment of higher carers allowances - To be means tested. As wealthier carers can afford to pay for extra assistance!

③ To finally claim \$50 per week I had to write out several forms, and visit C/Link three times, as I was rejected.

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④ Very difficult to "beg" for financial support to assist your own parent. But I had to!

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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