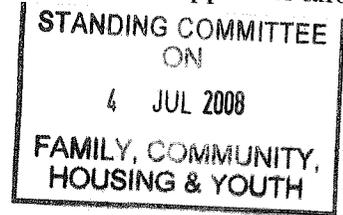


Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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CANBERRA ACT 2600



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...

There is ~~now~~ increased and improved facilities and support for carers.

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 ensure my wife (16 years mixed alzheimer's / vascular dementia) has the best care and treatment for her condition

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Lack of time for myself
Loss of social contact
Loss of contact with friends
Inability to become involved in regular activities

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

being able to take a break or holiday
in the knowledge my wife will be
cared for properly and adequately.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

working with carers to understand their
needs both collectively and individually
providing increased funding for care
groups and facilities. Provide special
consideration for carers in addition to
carers allowance - carers pension

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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

GEORGE JOHN

Print your name

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