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Secretary Inquiry into better support for carers House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra 2600 Email <u>fchy.reps@aph.gov.au</u>

Dear Secretary,

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing & Youth Inquiry into better support for Carers.

I am a carer to an elderly woman who has a diseased heart, Diabetes and recently has had a stroke.

I spend much of my time transporting her to a number of doctors and elsewhere. I do her shopping and other errands. I also have to stay at her house each night as I have to be present when the ambulance is required and I have also taken her to the hospital at night on three occasions myself.

This intrusion into my time is quite demanding and I incur some costs in this matter, particularly at the current price of petrol.

These matters should be recognised during your inquiry and I look forward to your consideration in improving the support for carers.

Yours sincerely

Nick