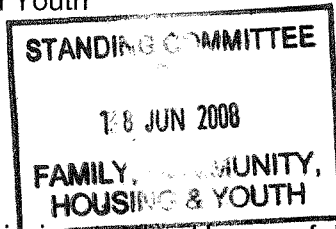


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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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Submission No. 229
(Inq into better support for carers)



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...

I care for my 83 year old husband at home.
He has Vascular Dementia & Prostate cancer.

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...

Trying to keep my husband in our home
for as long as possible.
Even though he is in "Respite" occasionally
he is not happy & can't wait to be home.
It is very upsetting for me but I know I must have
a rest.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

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

Very few occasions to see our friends as they
can't come to visit for a meal and don't call often.
I feel very lonely & can only leave if a carer
is here.
Difficult to make appointments (Dr. etc)

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

Physical help at home & taking my husband
to his appointments is very difficult.
He now has a walker but really it would be
such a help to have a wheelchair & (or a carer)
could take him for a walk.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

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

Putting in place more care packages &
overnight respite homes.
More information for carers as to what is
available to them so they can keep their
loved one at home, as I feel strongly the "care" at
home is so much better. if we can have support

More information is attached on a separate sheet

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

Print your name

ELIZABETH

Date

14/6/08