

STANDING COMMITTEE
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HOUSING & YOUTH

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Submission No. 300
(Inq into better support for carers)
A.G.C. 30/6/08

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.

My role as a carer is to
look after my Husband Jim
who is in his seventies
and has Bi Polar which
was diagnosed in 1986.

Our son James was still
at school at this time.

We do not have family
help which makes it harder.

Jim worked here at
different jobs when he could
and I worked casual when

I could. We managed the illness as much as we could and managed to earn our living though with Poi Poles the woods are very high and here which is difficult to live with. I am a member of A.R.A.F.M. and Queensland Perero Australia which gives me company and a will to keep going. My son James who is now 17 years of age has the same symptoms as his father but will not accept his illness therefore is not on any medication which makes it very difficult. He cannot hold down a job. As I get older it becomes more worry of what will happen when I cannot go or

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looking after them. This is a nightmare that does not leave my thoughts.

I am trying to do my duty as best I can but hope some answer can come up to solve this very difficult problem.

I just thank God he has given me the health to do this work although I have osteoporosis and osteoarthritis myself which is slowing me down these days.

Trust me an answer will come along

Yours sincerely
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