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Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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24 June 08
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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.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

- VERY DEMANDING ON ME PERSONALLY, I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION!!

I face the following problems ...

FINANCIAL - THE HIGH COST OF MY WIFE'S MEDICATION. I AM UNABLE TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. EACH YEAR THE SAFETY NET LEVEL INCREASES. VITAL MEDICATION KEYS GETTING REMOVED FROM PBS.

- GST and TAXES ON VITAL AIDS and OTHER DEVICES .ie WALKING STICK, MOBILITY AIDS
I need help with ...

- COST OF PRESCRIPTIONS and MEDICATION.

- THE GOVERNMENT IS ONLY INTERESTED in MY INCOME, NOT HOW MUCH I SPEND on MY WIFE'S HEALTH and CARE.

- I HAVE APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE BUT MY APPLICATION WAS DENIED.

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

- CONDUCT A SURVEY of CARERS. USE THE MEDIA ^{TO} SHOW THE PUBLIC YOUR INTEREST.

- TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR CONCERNS and REQUESTS.

- IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION CHANGES TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

- MORE FUNDING TO CARERS WA (I AM A MEMBER)

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.

THANK YOU.

Yours sincerely

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PHILIP

Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

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Community, Housing and Youth

P.S. I AM ONLY 57 yo
BUT I AM SELLING MY HOUSE
TO MOVE TO A RETIREMENT
VILLAGE SO MY WIFE CAN
HAVE BETTER FACILITIES.