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To the enquiry,

**Caring for Older Australians**

My submission relates to aged care in the home, I am a fulltime carer for my mother who is 86 years of age.

I live in my mother's home and am a disabled person myself, we also have a 17 year old disabled boy that I look after.

My mother and myself made an arrangement years ago that if I was to look after her until her passing I would be given her home as I gave up a secure income to be her carer, I am not alone in this type of arrangement as I know many people who are doing the same thing with one or more parents in the home.

I am deeply concerned that this aspect of the draft report does not appear to be covered in depth.

If a bond or reverse mortgage or similar were to be introduced something must be included for people such as myself as if this were not to occur I together with the boy I look after would eventually end up with nowhere to live.

As a fulltime carer I together with many other carers save the government many thousands of dollars as if I was not doing this my mother would be in a nursing home as she is too frail to live on her own.

Also the boy I look after would be on the street, the role of carers in the community has been largely overlooked by all governments for many years, I receive around \$212 a fortnight for caring for two people which does not come anywhere near what I spend to look after them.

I know from other carers in my position that I have spoken to that this is a major issue for them.

I would like the enquiry to consider the flow on effect of the above for people such as myself in the final draft.

Sincerely,

Steven Garland