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Executive officer
Family and Community Development Committee
Dear Sir / Madam

This is my submission to the enquiry into the provision of Supported Accommodation for Victorians with a disability or a Mental Illness.

As my 54 year old daughter has an intellectual handicap it is essential for me to support parents and carers who still care for their disabled members of family at home. The need for adequate Supported Accommodation is long overdue.

I join many of these parents regularly at a Carers and Parents Support Group in Beavalla.

Our co-ordinator Sally Martin, has prepared a detailed submission which I fully support.

The following are my observations of short comings in present Supported Accommodation

1. There is a need for greater understanding of the complex needs of those seeking such Accommodation, rarely is the opportunity available to consider their individual needs.
2. Adequate Staffing to ensure individual lifestyles.

I appreciate being able to add my submission as I consider those with a disability and/or a Mental Illness deserve every opportunity to live satisfying lives

Yours Sincerely

Mavis Cain