## **Community Support and Services Committee**

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**To:** Community Support and Services Committee

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**Subject:** Submission to the inquiry into social isolation and loneliness in Queensland

I was involved in the Distribution of offers to Lonely and Isolated people in the Stafford and Everton Park areas. We had some responses which were handled by other committee people. My roll was to deliver many Leaflets which totalled a few Hundreds I think. I delivered to many different areas some very well off and others strugglers but I was never told no thanks, the response was always positive.

Whilst delivering you met residents and other visitors who quizzed you what my leaflet was about and they were impressed at our actions. In my neighbour hood I have a few elderly people living close by and we often stop for a chat and check up on their health etc. One lady over the road is 89 this year and the neighbour hood have a system to make sure She is and about daily, She is a regular visitor for a chat and to see the Dog.

This Program has great merit and I am pleased to see the Government back it and provide funds for Community Centres. We are an aging Population with many needs. Simple tasks like this can be completed by any person Young or older.

Regards

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