

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Barriers to volunteering: Time constraints: I am a carer for my wife and need to attempt to share my time between her and volunteering as she cannot be left alone. Additional support that is NOT part of an Aged Care Package would allow a paid carer to spend time with my wife whilst I provide volunteer support. Cost: The most obvious is that of transport. Driving to, from and between locations to provide volunteer support incurs cost for fuel. If there was provision for a claim as a tax deduction supported by perhaps logbook entries that would alleviate the burden of transport costs for volunteers. Other costs include telephone and internet usage. Again the potential for a tax deduction with receipts/or % of cost. There are also occasions where intra and interstate travel and accommodation costs are incurred. Again tax deductions or claims would assist this burden.

Thank You