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To: Melbourne Registry <Melbourne@fwc.gov.au>
Subject: Fair Pay for personal carers.

Hello, I've had an email saying you're conducting your annual review of minimum wages and I'd like to know why personal carers are so badly paid?
I had to undertake a certificate 4 in Aged/Disability care and Lifestyle which took 6 months to complete. I then had to do 180 hours of free labour in a nursing home to get my accreditation.
After this I was able to join an agency as a casual worker and look after the most vulnerable people in our community showing care, compassion and safe work practices and for all this I am paid \$27.80 per hour. I work with people in their own homes and my travel time and petrol between visits are not paid. Some days I drive for two or three hours which is all unpaid, in addition to my first and last travel from/to home each day. I do not get holiday pay or sick pay.
Please could you consider raising the wage to something that respects the training and level of responsibility I have to show each da?. I could work in a warehouse stocking shelves for the same amount.
I feel undervalued, not respected and taken advantage of. We get this paltry wage because we are caring people and those in charge know they can get away with it.
Thanks for your time and you can ring or email me any time for further details.

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