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My husband and I have cared for 3 siblings for the past 8 1/2 years. The allowance has not gone up for about 2 years but the cost of living has. The allowance doesnt cover the costs in raising the children as you would raise your own. We have two high needs and one low needs children. I can no longer work as the younger child is constantly suspended from school. We are lucky that we are in a financial position to continue caring for the children. However I also feel that we are not afforded as much assistance from the agency and DCJ because we own our home. So basically we have worked hard all our life to get in a good position and we are now going backwards financially. If we didnt love the children so much I dont think we would continue to be carers. I definitely would not recommend others to be carers as we are the ones doing the majority of work looking after the kids in care and we are not even being reimbursed appropriately. I believe there are too many hands in the pie. DCJ and agencies aer spending all the extra funding on themselves not the children.