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As a foster carer of 3 young children (all siblings). We do our best to give the kids the best we can as apposed to the bare minimum thats encouraged. We have no ongoing super and no way of ever buying a stable family home. When the children are 18yrs how do we support our family? They want cares to do this but they sacrifice their financial future and health in process. When coming into our care, it was noted as restoration so little future plans were made. I was working F/T in my own private practice and my partner worked P/T. We felt this would be more than enough to support 3 ch'n with "general needs" as we were told. Fast forward almost 5 years, the children remained with us and only in the last 1.5 years, after a frustrating battle the children changed to medium (pay). In the mean time the following occurred that hugely impacted the cost of living: - COVID - i had to close my practice for almost a year - We both took out \$10,000 of our super - We had to move 4 times due to covid and 2022 floods - Our rental costs exploded due flood housing from \$560 when we took the children in to \$750 a week. - Due to the increasing needs of the children i had to close my private practice that i worked towards for 25 years. - We had to upgrade our family car - After one of our children was assaulted in public school we decided to enrol them in private school locally (small town) best chance for them as the local school have high levels of children in OOHC. - The children overall have a min of 5 diagnoses e.g. FASD, ADHD, all 3 have autism lvl 2, PTSD, OT, speech as well as global delays, language disorders and cognitive delays. - We gave up trying to get appointments within the child and family health due ot the extensive wait list in our town (lismore) so we pay for private paediatrician and dental and psychology. - While the children have NDIS this is quite minimal for their needs and with constant change's in agency staff, things are constantly being missed.