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The Hon. Mal Brough MP Chair, Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Brough:

MEETING REQUEST – NDIS implementation and administration

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a peak disability rights, advocacy and representative organisation of and for all people with disability. We are the only national, cross-disability organisation – we represent the interests of people with all kinds of disability. PWDA's primary membership is made up of people with disability and organisations primarily constituted by people with disability.

PWDA has been an active and public participant in ensuring that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in full and without delay. Many of our members are or will be eligible for the NDIS as it rolls out across the country.

We have been actively monitoring the NDIS trial sites and seeking views of people with disability about their engagement with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). We are keen to ensure that the NDIS fulfils its objectives, as set out in the NDIS Act, and that the NDIA addresses concerns as they arise to build a robust and sustainable NDIS for people with disability.

PWDA would like to meet with the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme to discuss our views on the implementation and administration of the NDIS. We are able to meet in Canberra, or during your visit to the Hunter region trial site on 5 or 6 May.

Yours sincerely,

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