From:

To: <u>Community Affairs, Committee (SEN)</u>;

Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012

Date: Friday, 25 January 2013 2:54:01 PM

Please consider this email a formal submission by me to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012.

The current disability system has many problems that need to be addressed.

I see inequities across the community for people who need support.

The main features of the NDIS that will make a difference to the community are:

Ensure support and equipment is available when needed, Better access to education and work opportunities, Removal of age barriers to services for children

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Education support (technology/services/equipment), Support for families and carers, Interpreters and other communication support

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

If Australia is a fair and equitable culture, all people need to be able to have equal access to the culture and community. Under the current system, people with disabilities do not.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Trish Cross