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To: [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#);
Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012
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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.

Too many complicated systems to navigate for carers and disabled people. There needs to be a case worker allocated to each person and their carer to assist when an accident happens and someone becomes disabled. In our families case my husband become disabled as a result of a stroke during an operation and was on life support for over a week and hospitalised for 4 and a half months. I managed to keep my job and family together over the next 2 years as he recovered and returned to work but I did not get any help as a carer until the 3 year mark when the emotional toll of the event became overwhelming. there is very little emotional support in recovery and too much emphasis on physical recovery leaving families to have to deal with depression and anxiety for themselves and their family and the disabled person most of all. Free mental health care should be offered first up to nip in the bud fears and to assist keeping the family together under such strain.

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

The ability to receive services when needed and in the way that suits the person,
Increased ability to coordinate services to suit the "whole" person/family,
Minimising the number of times people have to tell their story in order to get support,
Less red tape, with planning done locally by people who know their community,
Access to reliable information about support options

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Support for families and carers, Case management, planning and coordination,
Positive behaviour support and psychological services

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

to keep families together and support them to help those with a disability

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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