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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.

It is difficult to receive adequate support

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

Better access to mainstream support and services, More rights for people with a disability, Older parents and families will not worry what happens when they can no longer provide support

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Equipment and home/vehicle modifications, Education support (technology/services/equipment), Life-skills, Support for families and carers

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

I am a teacher and I work with students with disabilities. It is saddening to see the struggle families have to deal with daily. One example is having teenagers in wheelchairs they have outgrown but cannot afford to upgrade.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Laura Edwards