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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.

There is no certainty about ongoing support in the future . . . we are aged carers in our late 60's and early 70's and there is not much time left to make sure our son will be properly cared for.

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

People with a disability can plan their lives and pursue their goals and dreams, Less red tape, with planning done locally by people who know their community, 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:

Education support (technology/services/equipment), Support for families and carers, Flexible in-home/outside home respite

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

For the first time people with a disability (both aquired and from birth) and their families will not have to worry about what will happen when their parents/carers die.

The quality of their lives will improve with appropriate assistance to making their life goals possible and finding ways to support their passion . . . what makes them really happy.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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