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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.

I have family and friends who are affected by the current system. At the moment they have to repeatedly prove their disability in order to obtain support, which is demeaning and often inconvenient. Services are often "one size fits all" and therefore wasteful and ineffective. Red tape is confusing for people with communication issues.

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

People with a disability can choose the types of support to use, Better access to education and work opportunities, People with a disability can plan their lives and pursue their goals and dreams

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Therapy and allied health services, Equipment and home/vehicle modifications, Education support (technology/services/equipment)

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

I would like to see any monies available directed towards freedom of choice of services to suit the needs of each individual, avoiding wasted funds and making sure that any services offered are competitive and effective.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Mrs Judy Cullen