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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 see the difficulty that people - friends of mine with a child/ children with disabilities - who have difficulty in getting access to services and / or then getting a coordinated service.

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

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, 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:

Therapy and allied health services, Accommodation options, Crisis and emergency support

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

25 years ago I worked for the Office of Disability Services and saw the stress that so many families dealt with on a day to day basis when caring for a family member with a disability.

The quality of our community is measured by how we look after our most vulnerable and with the cost of living going up we have to put in place a safety net for those who are truly unable to fend for themselves.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Mrs Mary Tehan