From:

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.

Current support systems in place are fragmented between the commonwealth and the states. Also, there is n centralised source of information. Further, most of the stste support services (if you can locate them in the first place) need you to apply for funding for each and every financial year and one is never sure that a placement/support service will be available in any particular year.

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

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:

Life-skills, Recreation and community access, Accommodation options

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

A national scheme will have uniformity and will eliminate the red tape associated with services being provided by multiple government bodies. It will also ensure certainty and continuity of support services for those in need.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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