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To: <u>Community Affairs, Committee (SEN)</u>;

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.

If I or anyone in my family were to become disabled or have to a disabled child, I would like for us to feel that it would not be something unmanageable in our lives ie to be dreadfully feared as a result of the corresponding financial burden and toll it would take in adapting to life again.

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

More employment of people with disability and less reliance on social welfare, Increased ability to coordinate services to suit the "whole" person/family, 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, Flexible in-home/outside home respite, Positive behaviour support and psychological services

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

I believe it is important for there to be a system that allows people with a disability to continue to contribute to society to the best of their ability for the duration of their lifetime, because anyone at some stage may end up having a disability and need financial, practical, emotional/psychological support.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Susan Young