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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.

The cost of maintaining a disabled person is hugh and with a lack of trained staff that can take over and really give you a break is rare.

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

The ability to receive services when needed and in the way that suits the person, 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, Support for families and carers, Flexible in-home/outside home respite

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

It would be very helpful to have this support

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Carolyn Watt