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To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)
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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.

We have had difficulty gaining funding for services that are important early interventions, these interventions will not only create opportunity for a better future for my family members with disability but also work towards them achieving personal and financial independence in the future, this could save the Australian

people money as well as be of enormous benefit. In addition constantly having to reapply for funding and worrying about whether interventions that have been started will continue to be funded places enormous strain on carers and the person with a disability.

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

Ensure support and equipment is available when needed, People with a disability can choose the types of support to use, Better access to mainstream support and services, Better access to education and work opportunities, More opportunities to participate in the community, More employment of people with disability and less reliance on social welfare, More rights for people with a disability, People with a disability can plan their lives and pursue their goals and dreams, People with disability can choose who comes into their home, 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, 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, Removal of age barriers to services for children, People with disability/family will influence the types of support and services offered, 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, Education support (technology/services/equipment), Flexible in-home/outside home respite

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

I support the NDIS as it will mean that people with a disability will have the opportunity to access all they need to be able to reach their full potential, and to have the freedom to choose what intervention will help the most and how and when to access them. It will mean a person could plan ahead as they will know the funding that is available to them and that it won't be taken away the next time there is a change of government, it means that it will be easier to access services as the funding will already have been approved and a person won't have to be constantly proving they have a permanent disability and have to waste time and money to have their condition verified over and over again. It will also mean that everyone is entitled to assistance because that is based on their personal situation and not just on their condition and that no matter how their disability is

acquired they can access assistance.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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