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To: [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.

i feel the age limit will cut a major sector of the community out of contention with the cut off at age 65. at age 65 one is more prone to AMD (aged Macula Degeneration a disease of the eye causing blindness) Stroke, heart attack, crippling arthritis, and many age related debilitating health injuries. the strategy of the Qld Gov is now to cut carer hours after the age of 65 this is so ridiculous and is causing major problems in our community. it seems that life begins at 40 and ends at 65. not everyone has financial security or families to take care of them when they are aged.

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, Equipment and home/vehicle modifications, Education support (technology/services/equipment), Life-skills, Employment support, Recreation and community access, Support for families and carers, Accommodation options, In-home care and domestic assistance, Flexible in-home/outside home respite, Case management, planning and coordination, Crisis and emergency support, Positive behaviour support and psychological services, Interpreters and other communication support

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

i support the NDIS because the stone age attitude of differing State Governments. there is no consistency in any support system, each state has separate laws quite often causing people having to leave their family homes to access assistance in other states. it is time people accepted that we do have people with disabilities instead of feeling sorry "but it is not our fault"

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Mr Peter Ryan