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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.

As we are getting older, we need some guarantee that our son, [REDACTED] will have a life that is uniquely suited to him and his needs. Not just to be placed in some group home where he is just a number. Currently, we run a Self Managed Community Participation program with him, which enables him to be independent, achieve goals, and enjoy his activities each day. He is kept fit, healthy, and happy.

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

Ensure support and equipment is available when needed, Less red tape, with planning done locally by people who know their community, 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:

Support for families and carers, Accommodation options, Flexible in-home/outside home respite

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

We need help, especially as we are not always going to be young.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Mrs Wendy Farrelly