From:

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.

Length of time people with disabilities have to wait for services/equipment. Amount of paperwork required to request assistance. Lack of coordination between different service providers. Not knowing who to ask for assistance.

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

People with a disability can plan their lives and pursue their goals and dreams, 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:

Therapy and allied health services, Support for families and carers, Accommodation options

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

Federally funded project that provides assistance for people with disabilities in a timely and dignified manner.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Mara Bennett