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| To:      | Community Affairs, Committee (SEN);                                                     |
| Subject: | Spam: 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 have five children with a disability (four with Autism Spectrum Disorders and one child with Down Syndrome) and feel that the disability system needs to be more flexible. The carer/family of the person with a disability and the care receiver need to have more control and say over their care arrangements. This can be achieved through the NDIS and Living Life My Way initiatives.

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

People with a disability can choose the types of support to use, People with a disability can plan their lives and pursue their goals and dreams, Removal of age barriers to services for children

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Recreation and community access, Support for families and carers, Flexible inhome/outside home respite

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

The NDIS will give the person with a disability and their family/caregiver more options to help the person with a disability live an inclusive, fulfilling life. They will have more options to choose the type of supports that suit their lives best.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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