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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.

Australian families with Special Needs Children have plans and dreams also. Both parents work financially towards making a better life for the Family, and importantly, the right help, and care, for their Special Needs Child. The Disability System will enable parents, to see a Better Future, for their Child, in all the most needed areas, as well, as making a better Future for Her, in the years to come.

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.

All Disabled Citizens of Australia should be given the chance to live their lives as independent as possible. So YES, all of the Above are GREATLY NEEDED, and should be GRANTED, to FAMILIES, and DISABLED MEMBERS in our Communities. I am aware, there are MANY different types of DISABILITIES, and each case would have to be assessed accordingly, to receive the care, and help, needed for each person, their families, and carers.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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