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To: <u>Community Affairs, Committee (SEN)</u>;

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.

It does not help with the extra cost of medicines and medical needs for things like wheel chairs, walking sticks, toilet chairs, and other things that people may need especially those that are not able to walk. How is it going to help people to get a home that is suitable for their needs if they do need to use walking aids or wheels chairs. They cannot expect people to live in a 2 roomed unit, with no room to move, and no space to move around in if they have to use a wheel chair or walking aid. How is it going to help people to get medical care straight away instead of waiting for nearly 2 years for much needed operations on their legs so they can walk again. How is it going to help the disabled with the cost or running a car, as they cannot walk much, and need a car to be able to get around, because there is no other way that they can do their shopping or pay their bills, attend doctors appointments, if they don't have a car. Without a car they are a prisoner in their home. So how is the NDIS going to help them keep their car going, as it is vital if they are to have a life outside of staying home at all. Let alone the fact they cannot afford to pay for their electricity bill, so they have to go without proper heating, which affects their condition. Causing them also to suffer from depression because of their inability to be able to pay for the extra things they need to be able to live as normal a life as possible. Is this only going to give more people a job working in an office, giving advice, without the ability to give actual physical help. There is already enough people employed to give people advice without being able to give them materially what they need.

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

Ensure support and equipment is available when needed

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Therapy and allied health services, Support for families and carers, Accommodation options, In-home care and domestic assistance, Flexible in-home/outside home respite, Crisis and emergency support, Positive behaviour support and psychological services

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

It can help to relieve some of the needs.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Christine Taylor