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To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#);
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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.

the current system is inequitable and dependent on the cause of disability. medical referral [particularly for specialist services] and fund holding is excessively costly to the tax payer especially when there is scientific research evidence to demonstrate that less costly services are equally or more effective - for example physiotherapy for incontinence [one of the most common reasons for admission to nursing homes].

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

Better access to education and work opportunities, More employment of people with disability and less reliance on social welfare, The ability to receive services when needed and in the way that suits the person

The most important services for the NDIS to provide are:

Therapy and allied health services, Education support (technology/services/equipment), Support for families and carers

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

i have spent decades supporting people with disabilities and perceive the current system is grossly inequitable and inadequately and inappropriately funded.

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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