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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.

There is not enough money or care I have 2 children with issues one with Autism and Down syndrome and the other with a global developmental delay and ADHD I access Occupational Therapy for them under the mental health plan which makes it a bit easier as they are medicare rebated but it is only 10 sessions per year and they both have other needs and specialists to pay for on top of this and equipment and the carers allowance only goes so far

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 employment of people with disability and less reliance on social welfare, More rights for people with a disability, 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, 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)

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

As I said in my above statement We are a low income family and the carers allowance doesn't cover all their needs

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Mrs Melanie Kent