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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.

Can't take someone for their weekly outing with \$8 (after medicines etc taken out) and in just the 2 or 4 hours alloted. This is based on working 20yrs as a carer in DSQ DOCS Centrecare and multicap. This is cruel. How would they like to stay home in the same house all the time with people who are making funny noises that scare you or whatever. It also doesn't work because people are having to share with people they don't like. And in respites people steal their food etc. This also applies to Ageing and residential care. The funding put towards carers etc is appalling. it's better than it was by a 100 miles but there's still a way to go. Please keep lobbying. Sorry most of us too overworked to help out most of the time now that the profit makers are pushing our limits. How can we get anywhere if our Politians won't help us because they are not getting what they need of the pie either? Say NO to wasting money on bad things and start putting the money where it should go....it's really easy.

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, More opportunities to participate in the community, 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, 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, Recreation and community access, Accommodation options, In-home care and domestic assistance, Flexible in-home/outside home respite, Crisis and emergency support, Positive behaviour support and psychological services, Interpreters and other communication support

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

Because everyone is created equal

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

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