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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.

Insufficient income to pay for care costs of someone with complex needs, lack of trained staff and no case management and workers unwilling to undertake personal care needs. There needs to be a flexible individually based system and one that covers support and equipment, accommodation and transport needs. People with disabilities need to be able to plan their own lives and get support to achieve their goals and to participate in the community. Programs need to be tailored to individual needs, not a one size fits all.

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, 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, Accommodation options, Case management, planning and coordination

I support the introduction of the NDIS.

Because people with a disability have a right to a say in the service they receive

I agree for my submission to be made public

Regards,

Ms Christine Russell