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The Association for Children with a Disability NSW ("ACD NSW") is a parent-run organization run almost entirely by volunteer parents who wish to help other families who are caring for a child with a disability. Over the last couple of years members of our group have prepared many responses and submissions to a variety of enquiries, all of which are relevant to your current enquiry. Although many of these have already been sent to Commonwealth Departments, we take this opportunity to resubmit the material as there has been no substantial improvement of any kind in the matters we have raised.

I will be sending through to you in separate emails (due to the size):

1. ACD NSW's Submission to the CSTDA Enquiry comprising a cover letter plus a copy of a Discussion Paper entitled "Supported Accommodation for all who Need It. A Reality; Not a Dream";
2. A Submission on Models of Supported Accommodation, plus a summary, prepared for DADHC in NSW several years ago;
3. A collection of stories from carers, compiled mid-last year, with a Summary which is just as compelling as the stories.

Since the CSTDA Enquiry, the concept of a National Disability Insurance Scheme has been gaining some ground and this is a development that ACD NSW is keen to explore as a possible solution to the current unmet need in services for families with a child with a disability. We support the concept provided that it is broad in nature to encompass children born with a disability as well as persons who acquire a severe disability through accident or misadventure later in life.

Lastly, ACD NSW fully supports the Submission made to the Carers Enquiry on 3 July by its affiliated entity, the Australian Association for Families with a Child with a Disability.

ACD NSW would be pleased to attend at the public hearings in Sydney to address the matters raised in this Submission.

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