

SUBMISSION

DISABILITY CARE AND SUPPORT ENQUIRY

As the Grandparent of a child with a disability, I fully support the concept of a National Disability Insurance Scheme, because of the tremendous cost involved with caring for someone who has been born with, or acquired, a disability through illness, accident or even the passing of years.

The cost is not only measured in dollars, but in time, effort, and often eventual mental and physical health risks to the carers. In turn care givers of those with a disability can become consumers of Government funding, owing to partnership breakdowns, health issues and, as in the case of primary care givers no opportunity or time to engage in meaningful or productive work in the community.

Disability is not limited to those who are already affected, but can become an issue affecting anyone of us, at any stage of our lives and at any time.

I am an aged pensioner myself but feel strongly enough about this issue that I would gladly give a portion of my pension to this scheme in the form of a levy, especially if it were widened to incorporate disabilities associated with the aging process.


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