

To whom it may concern,

I, my wife and my son (he does not live with us) live with a daughter /sister who has physical, mental disabilities and ongoing major health issues, we chose that she live with us fulltime and it is our intention for that to remain. We have with some assistance from the disability sector, cared for her for 30 years. I have looked at the draft report for the NDIS, the detail in the report and the recognition of the family carer's role at many levels is excellent. My comment is that the insurance schemes for us, that exist in the disability world already are prioritised, we are in need now, and we are already in most people's eye's in crisis, physically, emotionally and mentally. Please keep it simple, our preferred way is self management where possible and while the process needs to be transparent it needs also to recognise that the need is real and if people look at a transparent system they must first see that our children exist and that risk management must allow a risk to be taken if an opportunity arises that is worth a go. A suggestion with funding is that services ect be built up to a value not down to a price. A new way of doing things is going to open up some new creative, exciting outcomes as the people living with dis-ABILITIES and their families will be able to contribute back to the community in ways we have not even yet imagined.

Yours sincerely