

**Submission
No 45**

**INQUIRY INTO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL
DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND THE PROVISION
OF DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I know the NDIS has suffered many criticisms and I certainly have had cause to make a few of my own since my daughter joined the scheme approximately two years ago. However, the NDIS has transformed my life and that of my daughter. Due to the NDIS, I have been able to get back into the workforce. This has been wonderful for me and a Godsend for my family, not so much for the financial benefits of work but for the fact that it expanded my world again after 18 years of caring for a child with severe physical and intellectual disabilities, so I became a happier person to live with. My daughter with disabilities is now set up in an apartment independently of my husband and me - she shares with another young woman with similar disabilities. She has her own routine and her own activities. She is well loved by all her carers and has become more well known in our little community than me. I now get to be a Mum, not her carer.