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To whom it may concern,

These are some suggestions.

I will put them in point form for ease of reading.

- \$12000 automatic betterstart for newly diagnosed autistic children should be extended to ANYONE of any age that is newly diagnosed... (the initial financial support is required for all newly diagnosed people not just for children under 6 years)

- ease of cost and higher availability of qualified specialists that have the expertise to diagnose and treat ADULT autism (It is currently very costly to obtain an ADULT autism diagnosis and the specialists are minimally available).

- ongoing support for children and adults through the same service providers throughout their life, with no changes of services based on age (eg combined children and adult service providers)

- services like "services connect" be funded permanently! They are able to ADVOCATE and COMMUNICATE for the family of the autistic child or adult. They can navigate the service providers (and the services offered) to determine the best options for the FAMILY... It's about supporting the family unit AND supporting the autistic child or adult.

- "family respite funding packages" to financially assist the family in accessing very costly respite services... this needs to be more easily accessed than current ISP's (individual support packages) and be specific to FAMILY RESPITE not an INDIVIDUAL...

- Funded respite could include: in home care/support costs, out of home care/support costs, holiday costs, family day costs etc...

-change the term "autistic spectrum disorder" to something more appropriate like "autism spectrum abilities"

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission

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