



The Chairman,  
Family and Community  
Development Committee.

21. 3. 16

Dear Sir or Madam,

re. Unmet needs of people with an  
autism spectrum disorder.

- (i) There is an urgent need for residential services for older adults with autism. These people have been living with their parents, sometimes but not always receiving day programs, but now their parents are becoming frail and unable to provide appropriate care. People with autism have a normal life expectancy, so may well survive their parents by thirty years, and need supervised residential care with

appropriate social programs.

- (2) You pose the question on p.4 of your guide to submissions - "What will be the impact of NDIS on services?" Clients, parents and service providers are all unclear at present about the effects of NDIS and there is a feeling<sup>of</sup> anxiety and uncertainty which has not been adequately addressed so far. Clarification from government would be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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