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To Whom it may concern

My Daughter, [REDACTED], who is now 13 was diagnosed with Autism, ADD and Learning disability early in her life, with a more recent diagnosis of Asperger's, Anxiety and Learning Disability.

Over the years we have sourced numerous forms of assistance for her and have had to wait to access each service – anything from as long as 6 months to sometimes several years. As she also has a social ineptitude we are limited to the range of activities she is able to undertake in mainstream society.

She now attends Mansfield Autism Dookie Campus at a cost of over \$10,000 Per annum and as her father has a life threatening illness and is awaiting a heart transplant therefore cannot work. This has placed a significant financial strain on the family and we rely heavily on the Centrelink payments to make ends meet.

We trust the NDIS will accommodate people like us who cannot survive without assistance both financially and with resources in our community.

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