

Dear Sue

I read with interest your posting on Ramp Up and that you have a genuine and real interest in disabilities, including real experience due to a member of your family having a disability. My wife, Anne and I are both 71 and our son Paul is 40 and suffers from cerebral palsy requiring 24-hour care. At our age we feel it is outrageous and unacceptable to be asked to wait 5 or 6 years or even longer for the introduction of the NDIS, after all two senior members of the Federal ALP have cast doubt on it ever being introduced. The following changes should be immediately implemented whilst the NDIS is fixed out:

Individualised Funding, Total control over their lives, Ability to reside anywhere in Australia, Ability to choose who they live with, Ability to select the Care Provider. Many of these only require a paperwork exercise.

My wife and I reside in Broadbeach on the Gold Coast and our son resides in South Tweed Head, NSW. We went through the process of trying to move him into QLD to be close to us and his sister who lives in Burleigh Heads but it all fell apart when QLD disabilities informed us that when the portability funding from NSW ran out in 12 months, they would not be able to promise any further funding and also that no suitable accommodation was available. If you are interested in further discussions, we would be more than willing to meet with you at a time and venue suitable to you.