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Dear Mr De Luca

RE: NDIS' Transport-only issues

Transport Development & Solutions Alliance Inc (TDSA) purpose is to *bring people together to develop responses to community's needs for transport, access and mobility*, in Queensland. We are an entirely self-funded, membership-based entity.

One component of our work TDSA has focused on informing people with disabilities (and their family/significant others) plus community sector agencies about the transport components of the NDIS and how to participate as an equal in the planning process.

Another key component commenced In 2017 and through a subcommittee structure (Transport Access under the NDIS) began to focus on advocating about systemic issues/failings in relation to the transport-only part of the NDIS and more latterly on cross-jurisdictional issues with 2 key Queensland Departments.

The first milestone of our grass roots consultation process was TDSA's Submission to the Joint Senate Standing Committee (Submission 47 - *Consistent, Fair and Equitable Transport Funding for NDIS Participants' Plans in Queensland*) being tabled.

In June 2016, TDSA spoke to its submission in a face-to-face presentation to 6 of the 10 members of the Joint Senate Standing Committee (copy duly attached).

At this meeting Committee members encouraged TDSA to identify specific issues and propose possible solutions. This has now been prepared.

Two TDSA representatives seek a meeting with yourself, and any others you determine appropriate, to discuss our recommendations/suggestions prior to its distribution to all Federal Parliament members.

I realise it is both short notice and presumptuous, however I happen to be in Melbourne on other matters and wonder if it was possible for said meeting to occur **anytime in the PM on Tuesday, 11th September, 2018 at your Head Office in Geelong?** If not this date could you then suggest an alternate date/time and confirmation of venue.

I would greatly appreciate a speedy reply, given the short notice of my request.

Yours faithfully

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