To Whom in May Concern,

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1. A long term advocate of the NDIS from the time of the Productivity Commission Hearings and Report

2.  The first NDIA employee of NDIA in WA and  Manager of the Perth Hills Trial Site  where the purpose  was to establish the benefits of the NDIS as a National approach to disability rather than a state based implementation in WA.

3. The Disability Advisor  in  the NDIA national team ( 2018 – 2021)with responsibility for Self Management and Individualised Living Arrangements having   appropriate policy frameworks to deliver the benefits of choice and control intended by the NDIS

I  wish to express my strongest objection to the approach being taken by the development of the Draft Lists.   It is in direct contrast to the intention of recognising that people with disability  know best what enables them to be included in society.  The approach taken in the Self Management Guide  ([PB Guide to self-management PDF.pdf](file:///C:\Users\Marita%20Laptop\Downloads\PB%20Guide%20to%20self-management%20PDF.pdf)    Page 17 ) which was only recently updated remains the true reflection of how decisions should be **made by the participant** about  whether the item or service being purchased meets the requirements of the legislation.    This decision can be a matter which the NDIA  might review and seek evidence of the criteria being met.

I also wish to endorse the feedback  in the attached letter from  Advocacy for Inclusion which is a comprehensive and coherent account  of  why the  approach proposed in the Draft Lists is flawed and unacceptable.

Regards

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