Dear Bill,

This email is in response to the inclusion of neurofeedback as a modality being considered for removal from the list of supports available to NDIS participants in the recent draft legislation which is currently under consideration.

My name is Mark Darling and my mother, Elaine Darling, was the former member for Lilley. I met you many years ago at the Kawana Waters Bowls Club here on the Sunshine Coast when you were first canvassing the idea of the NDIS. My adult son, Nathan, who has Angelman Syndrome, has been a beneficiary of the scheme from its inception, something I've been very appreciative of.

I'm also a qualified psychologist and this week marks 25 years since I completed training to become a neurofeedback practitioner. My observation over that timespan is that neurofeedback consistently provides good, measurable outcomes for participants, often exceeding expectations, and it is something I regularly use with my NDIS clients.

Neurofeedback is a well-established modality and has approximately 60 years of published, peer-reviewed scientific literature behind it. Here is a link to a comprehensive neurofeedback bibliography:

<https://isnr.org/isnr-comprehensive-bibliography>

I've also attached a PDF of a peer-reviewed article on neurofeedback I had published earlier this year in the Counselling Australia Journal.

While not all neurofeedback systems, approaches, or practitioners are created equal, I would commend to you those of us who engage in a rigorous scientific approach to this discipline. I understand my colleagues from the Applied Neuroscience Society of Australasia will also be making a submission regarding this matter.

In all honesty, neurofeedback has been far and away the most powerful, rewarding, and deeply satisfying modality I have engaged with during my professional career and I recommend it to you unreservedly as providing a worthwhile contribution for NDIS participants.

I would, therefore, encourage you to consider allowing neurofeedback to continue to be provided as a suitable service to NDIS participants.

If you require further information or clarification of any of the points I've raised, please don't hesitate to make contact.

Warm regards,

Mark



