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Mr David Tune AO PSM
NDIS Act Review and Patient Service Guarantee

Attention: Mr Russell Herald

Dear Mr Tune

Participant Service Guarantee: Written Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Tune Review. The Royal Australasian College of Physicians referred the matter to the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural Society of Australasia (NBPSA) for consideration and reply direct in relation to our specialty area.

The NBPSA is a membership organisation for doctors who have a specialist interest in working with children with neurodevelopmental and behavioural challenges, and their families and carers. The majority of our members are paediatricians. Paediatricians are responsible for diagnosing the majority of children with neurodevelopmental and behavioural conditions, including Autism, in Australia.

The attached submission contains recommendations that centre on the need to better recognise the changing nature of a child's disability over time, the need for the NDIS to be more responsive to these changes and the opportunity to improve access and the quality of services through better coordination of expertise and experience across agencies.

Should you require any further information, please contact Greg Rochford, Chief Executive Officer, NBPSA at g.rochford@nbpsa.org

We would be happy to discuss the submission in due course and look forward to working with you in support of children and families.

Yours sincerely

Associate Professor Gehan Roberts

President (encl)