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Dear ~~Mr Buckley~~ Bob

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of your letter of 13 March 2018 to Mr Rob De Luca about the concerns A4 has regarding the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) stakeholder engagement and provision of autism services and also for taking the time to speak with me at my mobile office at Ainslie shops on Friday 2 March 2018.

I note that you also raised concerns with Mr De Luca regarding the NDIA Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach as it relates to autism. The ACT Government is aware that there are a number of community concerns relating to the ECEI approach as outlined in your correspondence. The Office for Disability is actively working with the NDIA both at a national and regional level to address these concerns and hopes to influence a positive outcome.

Thank you for raising these concerns with me and for your ongoing advocacy work. Community feedback on the NDIS helps the ACT Government to work with the NDIA to ensure the National Disability Insurance Scheme is meeting the needs of ACT participants.

Yours sincerely

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