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Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: National Injury Insurance Scheme (Queensland) Bill 2016

The Queensland Government has introduced legislation to implement a National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) in Queensland giving lifetime treatment, care and support to people catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents.

Spinal Life Australia supports the introduction of a NIIS in Queensland, which is a major step forward in providing equal access to lifetime care and support for anyone catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident, and brings Queensland in line with all other Australian states and territories.

The NIIS will resolve many equality issues related to different payouts from the existing fault-based system by providing support to everybody who is catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident, regardless of fault or age.

As a dedicated organisation which began in 1960, we know the arduous journey from injury to independence and participation within the community. It is with this knowledge and experience that we welcome the introduction of a NIIS in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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