**Home and Living consultation submission**

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**How do you identify:** A participant currently receiving home and living supports

# **Do you talk to people about how you would like to live?**

Yes

## **If not, why not?**

* I’m happy with my current arrangements:
* I don’t think I have the money to make changes:
* I don’t know where to start:
* I’m comfortable thinking about it on my own:
* I don’t want to talk about it:
* Other – please describe:

## **What kinds of things do you talk about / would want to talk about?**

* Who I want to live with: Yes
* Where I want to live: Yes
* What supports the NDIS funds: No
* What options are available: Yes
* What other people have done: Yes
* Not sure: No
* Not Applicable: No
* Other – please describe: No

# **Where would you like to get information to think about where and how you live?**

* Internet: Yes
* Social media: No
* Service providers: Yes
* Support Coordinator / LACs: Yes
* NDIS / NDIS website: No
* Friends and family: Yes
* Other participants / peers: No
* Government websites: No
* Peak bodies / advocacy groups: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

Carers

# **What information, learning and resources could we create to help you choose your home and living supports?**

* Examples of what options other people with disability might have chosen: Yes
* Someone to talk through my options with me: Yes
* Information that I can take away and read on my own: Yes
* Information given to providers: No
* Opportunities to talk with NDIS representatives on new options: No
* Other – please describe: No

# **How helpful is the NDIS website to find information on home and living supports?**

I've never looked

## **What would improve the helpfulness of home and living information on the website?**

I've never looked at the website so I can't comment.

# **Would it be helpful if your informal supports (e.g. friends, family and carers) knew more about how and where you want to live?**

Not sure

## **How can we work better with your informal supports to help them know more?**

No answer recorded

# **If your NDIS funding was more flexible, would you purchase different support/s for your home life than what you have now?**

No answer recorded

## **Such as?**

# **Who helps you to organise your NDIS supports?**

* Formal support, such as a support coordinator / LAC / NDIA planner or delegate: Yes
* Informal support, such as family / friends / carer / peer support networks / mentors: Yes
* No one / I self-manage my funds: No
* Other – please describe: No

## **How helpful is using formal supports?**

Very helpful

## **How helpful is using informal supports?**

Very helpful

## **How helpful is using other supports?**

No answer recorded

# **Have you ever used peer support networks or a mentor to find / access NDIS supports?**

No

# **Of the following options, who would you be most likely to use to help you implement your plan?**

* Peer support networks: Unlikely
* Mentors: Likely
* Specialised home and living support coordinators: Very likely
* Support coordinator / LAC: Extremely likely
* NDIA planner / delegate: Very likely
* Family and friends: Extremely likely
* Other – please describe: Very likely

My carers to help me access information on the internet about the options available to me.

# **How would you like to encourage providers to offer new and innovative service options?**

* Pricing incentives for providers: No
* Recognition of innovative providers: Yes
* Newsletters: No
* Showcases: No
* Participant reviews and ratings: Yes
* Other – please describe: No

# **Appendix D (see consultation paper) lists options for actions we could take to improve home and living in the NDIS. What other ideas would you add to Appendix D?**

These are very small issues however I consider where I live to be my home - it is regularly referred to has a group home which I feel has some negative connotations so I would like to see some change in this regard.

Also, I know that I am sometimes called a client. I understand that this is a business and yes I am a client, that said it feels impersonal and I would like to see a change in the language.

# **Do you identify as:**

* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander? No
* From a culturally and linguistically diverse background? No
* Living in a rural and remote area? No
* LGBTIQA? Yes
* Having a psychosocial disability? Yes

# **Is there something you would like to see in a home and living policy specific to your response in previous question 12?**

No.

No.

I don't think this is something that can be included in your policy however I would like to say one thing which is important to me is having stability in my carers. It takes time to form a bond and trust with new carers.

# **Is there anything else you would like to add?**

Thanks for the opportunity to have my say.