**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 38 (WA)

**Date and time submitted:** 8/6/2021 2:35:00 PM

**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: Yes
* A family member, friend or carer of a NDIS participant: No
* A NDIS nominee: No
* A legally appointed guardian: No
* A disability support worker: No
* A health or allied health worker: No
* A community member: No
* Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: No
* Culturally and linguistically diverse: No
* From a rural or remote area: Yes
* A person with an intellectual disability: No
* A person with a cognitive impairment: No
* A person with a communication disability: No
* A person with a psychosocial disability: No
* Other: No

1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**

* Resources: No
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: No
* Having a person help: Yes
* Other: No

1. **Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?**

* Family: Yes
* Friends: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: Yes
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No

1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

Advise what support is available for them

1. **How can they get better at helping?**

* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: No
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: Yes
* Other: No

1. **How can we make sure the right people are helping?**

* They are chosen by the NDIS Participant as a decision supporter: No
* They value the rights of people to make decisions with support: Yes
* They are a registered provider: Yes
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* Other: No

1. **What should decision supporters know about so they can better help people with disability make decisions?**

* Guidelines for decision supporters: No
* Scenarios or Examples: Yes
* Information Sessions: Yes
* Support Networks: No
* Other: No

1. **Can you tell us about a time when someone helped you (or a person with disability) to make a big decision?**

Yes

**What worked well?**

When I became a paralysed I had a great social worker set me up with the providers I needed

**What could have been better?**

If the NDIS was around then

1. **What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?**

* Practice: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Information and Resources: Yes
* Guidance Tools: Yes
* Not Sure: No
* Other: No

1. **Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?**

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, They may need a family member or a close friend to advocate for them

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** No

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Help to keep the connected to the community with work or sport

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** No

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, Be respectful of their culture

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

1. **How can we help reduce conflict of interest?**

Always run a transparent organisation and vet the staff well

1. **How can we help reduce undue influence?**

Advertise a help line for people to call if they are being harassed

1. **What are your concerns (if any) around people with disability being more involved in making decisions for themselves?**

No concerns

1. **What else could we do to help people with disability to make decisions for themselves? Is there anything missing?**

Don't be afraid to spend money on people to get their life right when they are functioning well they are an asset to society

1. **Do you have any feedback on our proposed actions in Appendix C of the paper?**

No