**Home and Living consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 18 (WA)

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**How do you identify:** A family member, friend or carer of a participant or person with disability

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

No

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

* I’m happy with my current arrangements: No
* I don’t think I have the money to make changes: No
* I don’t know where to start: No
* I’m comfortable thinking about it on my own: No
* I don’t want to talk about it: Yes
* Other – please describe: No

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

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

I never like to discuss things, never question if the support I receive is quality and never ask for help which is concerning for my family.

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

* Internet: No
* Social media: No
* Service providers: No
* 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: No

# **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: No
* Someone to talk through my options with me: Yes
* Information that I can take away and read on my own: No
* Information given to providers: No
* Opportunities to talk with NDIS representatives on new options: Yes
* Other – please describe: Yes

My family need to be included even though I am a adult as when things go wrong they have to pick up the pieces and foot the bill.

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

Neither helpful nor unhelpful

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

Including the families, listening to them, respecting their role etc

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

Yes

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

Respecting their role, understanding they know their child better than you do, understanding the anxiety caused by some of the decisions made etc

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

Yes

## **Such as?**

Find a Service Provider that offers a quality service and doesn't use Choice and Control and Dignity of Risk as an excuse for inadequate service provision.

# **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?**

Neither helpful nor unhelpful

## **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: Extremely unlikely
* Mentors: Very unlikely
* Specialised home and living support coordinators: Very likely
* Support coordinator / LAC: Neutral
* NDIA planner / delegate: Extremely unlikely
* Family and friends: Extremely likely
* Other – please describe: Very likely

NDIS plan nominee and or Guardian if I had one.

# **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: No
* 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?**

Provide adequate funding & quality service provision .to keep me safe & healthy and living in a clean, tidy and healthy environment. Funding & support to connect to my community and I don't just mean a trip to the shops to spend money I don't have - I mean socialising with like kind and like interest.

# **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?**

Yes for NDIA to understand the link between Transgender and Autism Spectrum Disorder and provide funding and support to assist with overcoming the very debilitating Gender Dysphoria that results, accessing services, support groups etc relating to transgender, assisting and supporting to keep psychology, Gender Clinic, Drs etc appointments. Support Services & staff that are accepting of difference and are inclusive.

Yes and I include ASD in this as well - don't leave them out to dry they need support, support, support otherwise you need to take responsibility when things go wrong.

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

Pushing people out on their own is irresponsible and dangerous. Support Services need to upskill their support workers to be able to work with people with low motivation, who cannot initiate, have social anxiety plus many of the other barriers that come with ASD. Planners, support coordinators & support staff need to understand the complexities of what is often referred to as a 'Hidden Disability'