**Home and Living consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 36 (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?**

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: Yes
* What options are available: Yes
* What other people have done: No
* Not sure: No
* Not Applicable: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

How I can have safe and appropriate housing. I can't share housing due to my disabilities but no-one can help me work out what I can do.

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

* Internet: No
* 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: 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: No
* Other – please describe: No

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

Not at all helpful

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

Websites are not helpful for me, they are inaccessible. I need supports who care and are allowed to take the time I need.

# **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?**

Have providers/support coordinators/LAC/NDIS staff who actually know the current information and all know the same information. Mum gets lots of different stories from lots of different people and none of them seem to ever be true.

# **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?**

I wish I could fund a home of my own, rental or owning, where I was safe and where I might not lose it at any time.

# **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?**

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

# **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?**

Will "Reforming the funding model" help us actually afford a home? We keep getting told that NDIS only helps 5% of participants with 'bricks and mortar' and only if they gave really high physical support needs. I have developmental, communication and psychosocial support needs as well as high risk related support needs. These needs mean that no-one will live with me, but I can't afford to rent by myself. My mum has to get extra work to help me afford my rent but she's also my primary carer and is worn out. Plus, my landlord is mean to me and I'm always scared I will get kicked out.

# **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?**

Safe housing for LGBTIQA+ people. My landlord makes mean and scary comments if I bring a girl home.

Safe housing where people understand that we can do things slower or differently, that we may not be able to do phone calls or face-to-face and that telling us off is immensely damaging. Also something to help us afford housing if we can't share-house.

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

Please really listen to us this time.