**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 53 (NSW)

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: No
* A family member, friend or carer of a NDIS participant: Yes
* 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: No
* 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: Yes
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: Yes
* Having a person help: Yes
* Other: Yes

Provide training for people with disability and their supporters

1. **Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?**
* Family: Yes
* Friends: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* Mentors: Yes
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No
1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

Communicate in a way that they understand, give them time, give them the information and options available (even ones you don't agree with), let them know that they can make their own decisions, if they are an adult treat them like an adult, and keep trying!

1. **How can they get better at helping?**
* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: Yes
* 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: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: Yes
* Other: No
1. **What should decision supporters know about so they can better help people with disability make decisions?**
* Guidelines for decision supporters: Yes
* Scenarios or Examples: Yes
* Information Sessions: Yes
* Support Networks: Yes
* Other: Yes

Have resources available, particularly online

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

Not applicable

**What worked well?**

No answer recorded

**What could have been better?**

No answer recorded

1. **What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?**
* Practice: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* 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, Communication needs, paternalistic views from supporters and family, support networks and friendship circles often limited.

Easy to do things a certain way because "that's the way it's always been done"

Training for support workers and families

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

**A psychosocial disability:** No

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

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** No

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

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

Clear policies and procedures, strong background checks, building the capacity of the person with disability to speak up and know their rights

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

Build the capacity of the person with disability to speak up and know their rights, training for supporters around supported decision making.

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

More exposure to risk - however this is something that needs to be done, as too often people with disability are shielded completely from risk and denied the experiences in life that others have easy access to.

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

No response recorded

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

No response recorded