**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 58 (VIC)

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: No
* 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: 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: Yes
* Other: No
1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**
* Resources: Yes
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: No
* Having a person help: No
* Other: No
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: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No
1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

Be well versed in how ALL disabilities can present. Understanding and listening to us.

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: 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: Yes
* 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?**

Explaining my options. Helping with leading after I make my own choices, as I need a push to get started, and help when it becomes overwhelming with paperwork etc.

**What could have been better?**

The systems in place that we have to use like non-disabled people, as they don't cater to us.

1. **What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?**
* Practice: Yes
* 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:** No

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

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Understanding the spectrum of neurodiversity and trust self-reports from people. When people can assume we are telling lies due to invisible disabilities, it breaks us.

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, Offering alternative communications. Allowing for text based meetings, etc, when non-verbal.

**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?**

Stop making profit off disabilities. Full stop.

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

Understand our limitations. Treat us like humans. Remove providers and support people who have been reported, retrain them, or remove them from the job.

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

People second guessing our decisions.

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

Provide in CLEAR language, step by step, including the pathway onto NDIS.

It is not disability friendly at all. That is your first step.

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

No response recorded