**Home and Living consultation submission**

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**How do you identify:** A participant currently receiving home and living supports

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

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

* Internet: Yes
* Social media: No
* Service providers: Yes
* Support Coordinator / LACs: Yes
* NDIS / NDIS website: Yes
* Friends and family: No
* 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: Yes
* 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: Yes
* 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?**

Neither helpful nor unhelpful

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

NDIS plan managers to keep regular dialogue with their participants

# **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?**

NDIS staff, NDIS agents, coordinators & plan managers none never informed me about NDIS legislation around home purchasing as disabled client. I now have many difficulties which are affecting my health & life.

# **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?**

As recommended by all my medical treating professionals climate controlled air conditioning system to support my respiratory & chronic heart disease

# **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: No
* 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?**

No answer recorded

## **How helpful is using other supports?**

No answer recorded

# **Have you ever used peer support networks or a mentor to find / access NDIS supports?**

Not sure

# **Of the following options, who would you be most likely to use to help you implement your plan?**

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

Treating Doctors, Treating medical specialists, welfare agents, other supports

# **How would you like to encourage providers to offer new and innovative service options?**

* Pricing incentives for providers: Yes
* Recognition of innovative providers: No
* 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?**

NDIS tries steer away from lot medical illnesses/ diseases & focus on mental health in my case I have life threatening diseases & can die at anytime & its been recommended by respiratory doctor, rheumatologists, neurologists, pain management-specialist, physiotherapists, phycologists & others that I have NDIS fit install multihead climate controlled air conditioning system to my home as I'm at high risk living in environment with no temperate control

# **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? No
* 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?**

I have serious suicidal tendencies, chronic depression, anxiety, aspergers, PTSD, and range of other mental health disorders partly due to childhood trauma/abuse, way I was born/adopted & now facing 3 chronic medical diseases which impact my mobility, memory & daily life causing extreme further mental depression.

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

David Addison from NDIS Canberra is my long term plan manager. My OT is Anna Reeves of Canberra. My financial managers are: Kalinga Aust'

my main Carer support agency is: Questcare of Canberra. I wish all my debilitating health issues was placed onto my NDIS file as I can no longer ever work & placed on DSP pension. MP's Hon Kate Gallagher, Hon Bill Shorten concerned how many with chronic health cannot be granted small funding needed for climate control @ his home as NDIS client & a pensioner. Yet NDIS have approved a motorized scooter I don't want.