**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 60 (QLD)

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: Yes
* 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: No
* Information: No
* Decision Guides: No
* Having a person help: No
* Other: Yes

Proper training and understanding. Use simple terms that can be easily understood.

1. **Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?**

* Family: Yes
* Friends: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No

1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

No one has helped me at all. I understand the basic but I have had to learn it all for myself. However the information is too much that it becomes so overwhelming.

1. **How can they get better at helping?**

* Getting to know the participant well: No
* Doing some training on decision support: Yes
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: No
* Other: Yes

We have an LAC that has not helped what so over. An internal review that just plaque the situation.

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: No
* Other: Yes

Use wording that can be understood. For example capacity building what is that?

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: No
* Information Sessions: Yes
* Support Networks: No
* Other: No

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

No

**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: No
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* Information and Resources: No
* Guidance Tools: Yes
* Not Sure: No
* Other: Yes

Make it accessible and easy to understand.

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:** Yes, My child has a condition called apraxia which has an underlying medical issue that contributes to his condition. However, he has asd but it's not his main driver. We are often placed in the box and hopes it would work when actually it doesn't because his conditions do not easily fit into a box. We have developed a situation where everyone so focused on the money that they lose sight of what the main goal is and fear of losing out altogether.

**A psychosocial disability:** No

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes,

**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?**

Where we live in QLD we only have one group that does LAC I really would like to understand what is it they do exactly because I have written my plans and LAC only copied and pasted what I had put forward not even remotely addressing our concerns. Her reply to our two-year plan at less amount we had to start was so we can get more reports. NO. In the internal review yes we received a better plan but they didn't listen either we need people to listen. I was placed with the same LAC and support coordinator which I didn't need. I have a strong team that I worked hard to maintain. They have very strict instructions when on my team one is when a report is required just write a report. Do not write in fear that we will not receive funding. I have had a doctor that did not understand my child's condition so I found another one that could help. a physiotherapist is the driver of my team because of the holistic approach. I'm do for a review however I don't want one because I finally making headway that I don't want to risk upset from people who don't listen.

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

No response recorded

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

Yes, for example, I'm doing well however what I have found is the internal review they stated I have ABC then when looking at my plan that is not the case. Then we told if we do this and word it this way then it should be good. NO. If I need something and deem it necessary for the growth and development of my child I feel I should be able to make the choice of seeking services that would support my child.

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

We are trying to do what is best for our family and community. However, I feel that it needs to be simple and straightforward without the crazy wording and phrase. Because half the time we are not living if our child's needs are not met and because of NDIS I have noticed the school system are lazy not addressing children's needs which is been going on way before NDIS has rolled out. See there is no point if the school system is not going to do its part.

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

No response recorded