**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 55 (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: Yes
* 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: 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: No
* 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?**

provide evidence based outcomes for choices as well as options for your consideration

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: Yes
* 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: 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: 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?**

listening to the person, providing choices and supporting them to think about the outcomes of their choices

**What could have been better?**

NDIA response to their choices

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, an understanding that people with an ID are not the same and often do know exactly how they would like to live and what they would like to expereince and in fact can make good choices

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

**A psychosocial disability:** No

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, assistance from their chosen allied health professional

**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?**

seperate the two FOR EXAMPLE NDIA and NDIS , seperate the two . Conflict of interest starring us in the face at the grass roots level

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

ensure they have wrap a round support, allied health and advocates

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

That they will not be heard as so far that is my expereince

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

Listen and act on their right to choose by providing supports they ask for that do in fact meet the guidelines of reasonable,necessary , value for money and ordinary life

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

Is is not ordinary life to live with people you do not choose to live with. Smal institutions are still institutions and this is the group home model. It works for the provider, it works for NDIA but it absolutely does not work for people who want to live an ordinary life and make their own choices nor for those who want to grow their independent living skills. Instiutional life is prevelant , real and flys in the face of the NDIA mission statement. My expereince is that NDIA talk the talk however they certainly do not walk the talk in any way.