**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 73 (QLD)

**Date and time submitted:** 6/24/2021 12:52:00 PM

**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: Yes
* 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: Yes
* 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: 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: Yes
* Mentors: Yes
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: Yes
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

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

No answer recorded

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: Yes

It is matter that we are allowed to take risks, not enabled to or maybe that is but my language speeak oddly. Sorry.

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

Understanding OUR KIND of disability. An adult person has a brain injury or disability is NOT THE SAME as a child has brain injury or disability or other. Child, adult, physical body & or brain or learning or mental health or see or hear - we are all different and a support be to need understand OUR needs.

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?**

I was helped understand the question meaning

**What could have been better?**

The language use was not always clear or understand. (it has be improve some things but more be great!)

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: Yes

help us understand we are allowed use it for and be less scared if am first time ever wrong.

1. **Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?**

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, I am not have one I cannot understand to know.

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Give us the time, help & resources we need to understand and remember things. eg I am only can read (very!) slow now & times need help to because the brain surgery but I CAN still think! Give us time to think and understand not answer must be make right then one meeting of lots decide and questions affect so much our live.

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, I am not have one I cannot understand to know

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, Be sure persons we with person who decide BY ANSWERS WE GIVE can understand us and we them understand.

**From a CALD community:** Yes, That they are clear understood by person is make decision what affect whole life & community person can be clear understand .

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, I am not be from one, I cannot understand to know

**From the LGBTIQA community:** Yes, I am not, I cannot understand enough to know

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

it not be person company make more money by our choice making choice with or for us but still can (is allowed) help us.

eg now LAC cant really help us some things or answer all questions and cant even suggest place can. only can give us big long lists of ALL companies. (I mean yes I can kind of understand it a part, but.... also is kinda nuts)

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

people help us make decide not be make money from we stay or do more same company but we allow to pay them well enough someone company wants to do the help as it business.

- make clear for us and them what responsibility, consequence and where help for us is

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

Only that we are give the help as & by who we need

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

We are individual not only our disabilities but our abilities, too. Please not lump us all one place if we have this or that condition and LET us decision make as able, not as slot our disabilities or if we have families put us.

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

I appreciate and agree with it general, only please add 'friends' to list - some us is best/only personal help we have.

Proposed Actions:

Publish guidance and resources on working with people to support their decision making. These will be for:

o parents

o carers

o providers, and

o professionals

Please careful ALL us and what CAN do is consider. It have be take me 3 1/2 hr fill in questions plus about 2 hr to read but I have do it by myself only!

(yes I know my language still kinda sucks but am 3yr post surgery & my speechie is be kinda proud I think!