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Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Stuart Robert, today announced more flexibility and increased choice for participants to live with their families, friends and partners.

Changes to Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) rules mean couples will be able to share a bedroom where they choose to do so, and children will be able to share a room with their parent or siblings.

Read the full media release on the Department of Social Services website.

The NDIA is committed to improving how SDA is delivered and supported for eligible participants and providers.

We are implementing recommendations by the Disability Reform Council that once fully introduced will support the growth of SDA for participants and providers by:

- implementing new SDA Rules which will allow more choice in living arrangements for participants in SDA
- making it easier to understand the SDA Rules and eligibility requirements
- consulting with participants and providers to find new and innovative SDA solutions
- supporting the certification and training processes for the SDA Design Standard

The SDA Rules changes and updated SDA resources will help remove barriers for participants and their families seeking suitable SDA configurations and reduce disincentives in the way of investment in such dwellings.

Information and resources will be available from 30 June 2020.

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