**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: Yes
* 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: Yes
* Service providers: Yes
* Support Coordinator / LACs: Yes
* NDIS / NDIS website: Yes
* Friends and family: No
* Other participants / peers: Yes
* Government websites: Yes
* Peak bodies / advocacy groups: Yes
* 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: No
* 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?**

Recognising the 94% of people not eligible for SIL / SDA / ILO. There are a huge group of people who would benefit from something like a concierge model of support inside mainstream / community housing. People who are blind or have dual sensory impairment

# **Would it be helpful if your informal supports (e.g. friends, family and carers) knew more about how and where you want to live?**

No

## **How can we work better with your informal supports to help them know more?**

No answer recorded

# **If your NDIS funding was more flexible, would you purchase different support/s for your home life than what you have now?**

No answer recorded

## **Such as?**

# **Who helps you to organise your NDIS supports?**

* Formal support, such as a support coordinator / LAC / NDIA planner or delegate: No
* Informal support, such as family / friends / carer / peer support networks / mentors: No
* No one / I self-manage my funds: Yes
* Other – please describe: No

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

No answer recorded

## **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?**

Yes

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

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

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# **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: Yes
* Participant reviews and ratings: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

dedicated spaces on websites to highlight innovation... perhaps could be tied to any innovation funding offered

# **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?**

Living on your own is important for many people with disability including those with high support needs. People may explore ILO's if they could truly 'live on their own' not with a housemate but there are no examples of how this can work.

We know NDIS is not responsible to fix the housing crisis but how can someone on a DSP afford market rent in an ILO without a housemate? How can you truly support people with disability to live on their own in an ILO model?

There is a lot of confusion in the system as the criteria for ILO / SIL and SDA are VERY similar they are all for people whose support needs are in excess of 6 hours per day. Most people who are eligible for SIL funding would be eligible for SDA funding if their OT had addressed the extra question about whether an SDA response is more appropriate than any other housing response.

in reality SDA is really 'a home + support', SIL is just the support. How many people only require support without needing a home to put it in.

This is particularly problematic when you look at the Improved Liveability category of SDA...

# **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? Yes
* Having a psychosocial disability? No

# **Is there something you would like to see in a home and living policy specific to your response in previous question 12?**

no

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

You need to rename SIL - it has NOTHING to do with Independence / being independent. You need to call it what it is 'Shared supports'

That's what it is. Whether you live on your own and share support with another house, unit or apartment or you live with others and share supports together. SIL is a bad name. It also takes away the idea that its about housing. It's not. it's about support.

Because there's no where else to say it you also need to have a house 1 resident SDA design category. People with disability are wanting to live with their families, often with multiple children. This is not possible in a villa or apartment and it's certainly not appropriate to share with other people with disability if you want an 'ordinary life'