**Home and Living consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 12 (VIC)

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**How do you identify:** A participant who does not currently access 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: No
* Where I want to live: Yes
* What supports the NDIS funds: No
* What options are available: Yes
* What other people have done: Yes
* Not sure: No
* Not Applicable: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

Relocating interstate where other members of my family now live.

# **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: No
* Government websites: No
* Peak bodies / advocacy groups: No
* 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: Yes
* 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?**

Not at all helpful

## **What would improve the helpfulness of home and living information on the website?**

It gives NO information on what might be provided/funded by NDIS - actually it seems to say NDIS does not fund housing - so what is this about? There are no ready built SDA, I do not want to live in a share house, I want to divorce my husband and get my own place - accessible, interstate, and future ready interstate.

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

Not sure

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

Not sure

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

How much does it cost? Put the $ and cents out there for all to see - what is the range from and to? What is is paying for or covering? Give some possible examples - not Ben, not Henry or Elaine. What about me - middle aged female, progressive disability, needs to divorce and move interstate - oh and get on part disability pension – somehow.

# **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?**

As above. Providers should be employing participants - at least a certain percentage of their employees, specialist architects are one thing but they're not very practical - e.g. no storage, shelving, for pwd's belongings etc. OT's are not much better - far too much to do. Regurgitating the standards building guides. How about some ideas from overseas - nordic countries? Socialist countries etc. Let's work together - I'll work for you and you pay me - you work for me and my funding will pay you.

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

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

I have a physical disability which causes psychosocial disability - we are not just one disability - especially as we get older - we seem to collect more diagnoses than we can handle. So home and living policy for pwd psychosocial needs and physical needs but my needs - not just the rules etc. I will always need a dog - for companionship and assistance - a trained assistance dog would be amazing eg to help me up, pick up things I have dropped etc but I must be able to have my dog.

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

This is a huge area - where a lot of participants money could be wasted on things not needed, reports not needed and costs for specialists that are generic and not suitable for our needs. I need a home/unit with a garage and space to do my hobbies ie miniature metal work. I don't want to share but I'll share some services, e.g units with a 'clubhouse' where games, dinner party/dance night etc can happen. Hydrotherapy pool, consulting rooms for visiting therapies. Garden, parks, forest walks etc nearby and transport - lets move!