**Home and Living consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 3 (VIC)

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**How do you identify:** A family member, friend or carer of a participant or person with disability

# **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: No
* 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

Where do I start the process of independent living. How do I change my living arrangements if Iâ€™m not happy.

# **Where would you like to get information to think about where and how you live?**

* Internet: Yes
* Social media: No
* Service providers: Yes
* Support Coordinator / LACs: Yes
* NDIS / NDIS website: Yes
* Friends and family: Yes
* 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: Yes
* Information given to providers: Yes
* 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?**

Everyone knows that in truth there is nowhere near enough funding to enable persons with a disability to authentically have a choice for independent living. The only way to improve the effectiveness of home & living information on the website is to provide genuine fully-funded resources that when contacted can offer more than a brochure & the promise of a place on a never-to-be-successful waiting list.

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

Yes

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

Regular correspondence. When forums/meetings are held; more notice needs to be given & wider choice of days/times

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

Yes

## **Such as?**

Transport is a genuine issue for persons with a disability trying to live as independently as possible as it is grossly underfunded as the need for taxis for EVERY SINGLE TRIP ANYWHERE (medical Appnts. study, social,etc), DAY & NIGHT is the harsh reality. It’s totally unaffordable at the current rates if funding.

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

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

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

Somewhat helpful

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

Somewhat helpful

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

No answer recorded

# **Have you ever used peer support networks or a mentor to find / access NDIS supports?**

No

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

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

A specialised home & living support coordinator would be first if they exist?

# **How would you like to encourage providers to offer new and innovative service options?**

* Pricing incentives for providers: No
* Recognition of innovative providers: Yes
* Newsletters: Yes
* Showcases: Yes
* Participant reviews and ratings: Yes
* Other – please describe: No

# **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?**

The way currently that SIL funding is worked out is unrealistic & takes away all rights of choice for the disabled person. There needs to be more transparency in the funding provided & more flexibility in it’s spending. Also, the funding is inadequate as it incorrectly expects that the minimum staffing levels funded can support multiple clients in independent activities.

# **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? No

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

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

I’ve never been aware that “Specialised Home & Living Support Co-ordinators" exist!

Nor that an “NDIA Planner/Delegate” could be contacted (who? how.) to help nor had the ability to assist!

Nor that a “LAC” could assist!