**Home and Living consultation submission**

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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?**

No

## **If not, why not?**

* I’m happy with my current arrangements: No
* I don’t think I have the money to make changes: No
* I don’t know where to start: No
* I’m comfortable thinking about it on my own: No
* I don’t want to talk about it: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

My son is incapable of understanding the concept of Supported Independent Living as he has severe Autism and is intellectually disabled. He will need 24/7 support for the rest of his life.

## **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: No
* What supports the NDIS funds: No
* What options are available: No
* What other people have done: No
* Not sure: No
* Not Applicable: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

Same response, lacks understanding of this concept and will need a high level of support for the rest of his life.

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

* Internet: No
* Social media: No
* Service providers: Yes
* Support Coordinator / LACs: Yes
* NDIS / NDIS website: No
* Friends and family: No
* Other participants / peers: No
* Government websites: No
* Peak bodies / advocacy groups: No
* Other – please describe: Yes

My son will need advocacy and a planned transition to supported living with consultation with professional support and available providers.

# **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: Yes
* Opportunities to talk with NDIS representatives on new options: Yes
* Other – please describe: Yes

Completely dependent on availability of appropriate accommodation for my son's whole of life projection.

# **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?**

Availability of local, appropriate housing and provider support for the whole of life projection for my severely autistic son.

# **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?**

Information on local, appropriate, available Supported Independent Living accommodation.

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

No

## **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: Yes
* No one / I self-manage my funds: No
* Other – please describe: No

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

No answer recorded

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

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

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

We have no family or social support networks and rely totally on the NDIS and providers for any information on availability on appropriate S.I.L options.

# **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?**

No answer recorded

# **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?**

My son has severe autism and his father / primary carer it appears the NDIA is obviously trying to move away from the security of Group Home (S.I.L) structures which is unrealistic given the extreme vulnerability of people like my son who will need a high level of support for the rest of his life. He simply cannot negotiate the short term rental market, has no informal supports other than myself and is reliant on the NDIS for his safety and maintaining his respect and dignity in our society. He needs to be accepted not just tolerated.