**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

Unable to express how I would like to live - Intellectual disability, semi verbal

## **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: Yes
* Other – please describe: No

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

* Internet: No
* Social media: No
* Service providers: No
* Support Coordinator / LACs: No
* NDIS / NDIS website: Yes
* Friends and family: No
* Other participants / peers: Yes
* 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: No
* Information given to providers: No
* Opportunities to talk with NDIS representatives on new options: Yes
* Other – please describe: Yes

information about innovative ways I can live independently with support, not in a group home, but my own home on my parent property so i can use formal and informal supports

# **How helpful is the NDIS website to find information on home and living supports?**

Somewhat helpful

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

No answer recorded

# **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?**

Publish information about who we can do planning with for independent living (not NDIS staff) which support budgets we will need to make this a reality

# **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?**

less therapy support - I'm almost 18 and more supports for social participation

# **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?**

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

other participants who have used their funding in an innovative way

# **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: No
* Showcases: No
* 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?**

Improving choice and control through flexible budget is very important for me. I want to be able to live in my tiny home on my parents property when I am 18 and have my informal supports hire my support staff to support me - I don't want to live with others, I am happier when I am not with others with disability (due to past trauma in STA and special school)

I want to live as independently as my skills will allow and my parents and support staff have been actively capacity building me so that this is possible with verbal prompts. I don't want to live with my mum and dad forever and I don't want to live in a group home controlled by a disability support agency!

# **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? Yes
* 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?**

An increase to travel allowance budget for those of us living more than 15 km from the nearest town and working so that my earnings are not spent on travel!!

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

no