**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 17 (TAS)

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: No
* A family member, friend or carer of a NDIS participant: Yes
* A NDIS nominee: No
* A legally appointed guardian: No
* A disability support worker: No
* A health or allied health worker: No
* A community member: No
* Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: No
* Culturally and linguistically diverse: No
* From a rural or remote area: No
* A person with an intellectual disability: No
* A person with a cognitive impairment: No
* A person with a communication disability: No
* A person with a psychosocial disability: No
* Other: No
1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**
* Resources: No
* Information: No
* Decision Guides: No
* Having a person help: No
* Other: Yes

The idea in principle sounds noble; in practice it's an opportunity for our federal govt to rescind support for disabled citizens.

1. **Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?**
* Family: No
* Friends: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: No
* Other: Yes

Again, a noble in principle idea; in reality this is a clear attempt by our federal govt to remove funding and support in the guise of "family/friends support".

1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

Advocate strongly for the NDIS participants who have been let down, repeatedly, by a govt dept that is focused on corporate welfare at the expense of vulnerable citizens.

1. **How can they get better at helping?**
* Getting to know the participant well: No
* Doing some training on decision support: No
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: No
* Other: Yes

All of the above.

1. **How can we make sure the right people are helping?**
* They are chosen by the NDIS Participant as a decision supporter: Yes
* They value the rights of people to make decisions with support: Yes
* They are a registered provider: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* Other: No
1. **What should decision supporters know about so they can better help people with disability make decisions?**
* Guidelines for decision supporters: No
* Scenarios or Examples: No
* Information Sessions: No
* Support Networks: No
* Other: Yes

The odious attempts by Linda Reynolds and her dept to remove funding and support from vulnerable citizens.

1. **Can you tell us about a time when someone helped you (or a person with disability) to make a big decision?**

Yes

**What worked well?**

Advocating for self managed NDIS funding

**What could have been better?**

The NDIS trusting care givers to have a better idea what the participants needs than random people with overloaded case loads who have no specific training across the disability sector.

1. **What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?**
* Practice: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Information and Resources: No
* Guidance Tools: No
* Not Sure: No
* Other: Yes

Trusted advocates, experience navigating the labyrinth systems within the NDIA and carer support to stave off exhaustion dealing with employees who want to do the minimal amount of work for their pay check.

1. **Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?**

**An intellectual disability:** No

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** No

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Invisible disabilities are not people "trying it on".

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** No

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** No

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

1. **How can we help reduce conflict of interest?**

By removing the current federal govt and its overpaid, under informed bureaucrats from the NDIS process.

1. **How can we help reduce undue influence?**

By training your staff to understand that they work FOR NDIS participants rather than for the federal govt and their corporate welfare dependents.

1. **What are your concerns (if any) around people with disability being more involved in making decisions for themselves?**

Decision making without supportive advocates who don't stand to financially gain from the decisions made are difficult to find.

1. **What else could we do to help people with disability to make decisions for themselves? Is there anything missing?**

Remove bureaucrats, train NDIA staff and LAC appropriately.

1. **Do you have any feedback on our proposed actions in Appendix C of the paper?**

No.