**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 19 (VIC)

**Date and time submitted:** 9/2/2021 10:39:00 AM

**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: Yes
* A family member, friend or carer of a NDIS participant: No
* 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: Yes
* Other: No

1. **Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?**

* Family: Yes
* Friends: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No

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

No answer recorded

1. **How can they get better at helping?**

* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: No
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: No
* Other: No

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: No
* 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: Yes
* Other: No

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

No

**What worked well?**

No answer recorded

**What could have been better?**

No answer recorded

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

Support coordinators

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

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, Easy English. Patience

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Don’t know

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Whether they are taking their meds, how they’re feeling that day.

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, A support person they trust

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, The cultural needs and somebody who knows their background

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

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

Acknowledge the conflict

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

Dobbed them in to the quality and safeguards commission

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

I believe all people with disability should have the choice to make their own decisions

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

What is missing is the lack of funds through the NDIS for people to be supported so they can make these decisions

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

Make the NDIS better for people with a disability. The only thing I have to offer is get it right. take it back to what it was proposed to be. There are too many staff members at the NDIS who feel they are bigger than the job they have been assigned.