**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 29 (WA)

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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: Yes
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: Yes
* 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: Yes
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

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

Coordinate the executive function of the process. Facilitate the person to be aware of what decisions they can make, by when, and advise them of the various options available to them, then discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each option.

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

* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: Yes
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: Yes
* 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: Yes
* They are a registered provider: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: Yes
* Other: No

1. **What should decision supporters know about so they can better help people with disability make decisions?**

* Guidelines for decision supporters: Yes
* Scenarios or Examples: Yes
* Information Sessions: Yes
* 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?**

Yes

**What worked well?**

Successful NDIS application.

**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: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Information and Resources: Yes
* Guidance Tools: Yes
* Not Sure: No
* Other: No

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

**An intellectual disability:** Yes,

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes,

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, People with a psychosocial disability may be intellectually able. But it should not assumed that they can manage their executive function.

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes,

**From a CALD community:** Yes,

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes,

**From the LGBTIQA community:** Yes,

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

By the person withdrawing from assisting if there is any potential, perceived or actual conflict of interest.

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

Applying strict conflict of interest rules. Providing the people who assist with qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience.

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

My concerns are that the decisions will be overlooked if assistance is not provided. This could have catastrophic consequences for the individual and or society.

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

No response recorded

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

No response recorded