**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 37 (VIC)

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**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: Yes
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

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

Try and explain the situation. Only give me two or three choices

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: Yes
* 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?**

Access to the support

**What could have been better?**

Paperwork enabling the access easier

1. **What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?**

* Practice: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* 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, Their ability to fully understand the consequences of their decisions.

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Not to be overwhelmed with information

How much they really care about making the decision. My son for instance has absolutely no interest in making complex decisions.

How much they actually understand about what the decision means and how it relates to their well-being.

**A psychosocial disability:** No

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, Time to process information.

Time to form an answer.

Their actual ability to understand and respond!

If their vocabulary is extensive enough to reply.

**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?**

Auditing.

Face to face feedback from the participants.

Education for the persons advocate

Education for the person themselves

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

Feedback. Following through with feedback.

Listening to the participant.

Auditing face to face

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

Inability to understand consequences

Easily subjected to cohesion.

Lack of education in what is available to them.

Lack of education understanding their actual needs.

Lack of an ability to express their needs

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

Follow through with processes.

Revision and protection that the process has been proper and approved for that individual and they are happy.

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

Nil