**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 4 (VIC)

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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: Yes
* Mentors: Yes
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No

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

It's important that you make a decision that suits you

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: 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: No
* 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: No
* 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?**

Not applicable

**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: 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:** No

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, By understanding that their cognitive impairment may act as a minus as too what they actually require

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Much the same as cognitive impairment but understanding their abilities may work against them due to either grandiose or delusional thoughts as to what is needed for their well being

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, Having a good understanding of where the client is coming from and their needs going forward

**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?**

Conflict of interest wears many hats ,such as not turning up or going home early when there is no one overseeing their needs

Thinking you know what is needed for the persons living in the community and overlooking the obvious areas to help them live as ordinary life as possible

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

Now this is a real big one .

It needs careful vetting and training of staff and all support personnel .l many of the people who need support are often not aware of what will help them to live a more satisfying life style .

Sometimes family/ Carers need to be kept in the loop to a certain degree .

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

Mostly the f@ct that if the participants are not aware of what is needed to guarantee a better future for them into the future can see nothing change in their or their family / support people lives ,,

We have to protect the most vulnerable while supporting them to make good choices

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

Like any list there is always something you can improve on ,just hoping this is helpful for all future participants n

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

There are so many issues that has been mooted . We have to be careful not to make a new plan that causes any angst for participants and family/ carriers struggling to move forward