**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 43 (NSW)

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: No
* 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: Yes, Support Coordinator
1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**
* Resources: No
* Information: No
* 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: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* Mentors: Yes
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: Yes
* NDIA Partners: Yes
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: Yes

everyone in a person's circle of support can help, it depends on the decision to be made and the person's capacity for that decision

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

be available and patient

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: Yes

they know the person well and have the skills to support the person

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: Yes

the difference between decision supporters and advocates

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

time, time with the person to allow them to make the decision/s

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

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, capacity for decision making and the decision to be made affects who might be the decision supporter/s

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, capacity for decision making and the decision to be made affects who might be the decision supporter/s

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, capacity for decision making and the decision to be made affects who might be the decision supporter/s as well as things like where and when and timeframes around the decision making process

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, capacity for decision making and the decision to be made affects who might be the decision supporter/s as well as ensuring the ability to communicate a decision is not impeded by the persons communication ability

**From a CALD community:** Yes, education/knowledge of the community

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, education/knowledge of the community

**From the LGBTIQA community:** Yes, education/knowledge of the community

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

beware of the players, and always declare a real or perceived COI, having more than one supporter

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

having more than one decision supporter

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

that they may need more time and resources that will not be afforded to them

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

this could be a very new and scary thing for people who support PWD, who could have a fear of losing their 'power' so education of the people that currently support PWD is really important

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

I need to read it again and again ... it is very comprehensive

if I think of anything I will let you know

with thanks