**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 56 (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: No
* Information: No
* Decision Guides: Yes
* Having a person help: No
* 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: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: Yes

Schools educational places

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

identify the person's strengths

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

* Getting to know the participant well: No
* 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: 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: No
* Support Networks: No
* 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?**

Taking time to learn how the person likes to communicate and listening

**What could have been better?**

more resources for the person to answer questions the way they want to - not just verbal

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: No

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

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, Resources like Easy English, visual aids, the ability to have support people with them

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, They may need decisions and ideas broken down into small steps.

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, the environment has to be one they are comfortable in, extra time

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, A wide range of communication aids, extra time

**From a CALD community:** Yes, All the above and options to make decisions in their language and in culturally appropriate ways

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, Decision making needs to be driven from the perspective of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community which means each community around the country needs their own views

**From the LGBTIQA community:** Yes, Decision making needs to reflect their needs

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

More funding for the NDIA Commission

Support Coordination should be separated from others services

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

More advocacy funded as part of support coordination

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

Independent assessments - a person with a cognitive disability may appear to be independent but only those who know them, know their a issues around risks like crossing a road safely. People have to be supported to be able to make the decisions they want

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

More funded advocacy

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

No response recorded