**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 82 (NSW)

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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: 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: No
* Friends: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: Yes

If NDIS provided information and was transparent, making decisions would be much easier

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

Understanding the incredibly complicated NDIS system.

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: Yes

By NDIS making information, specifically about disability accommodation public and clear

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: Yes
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* Other: Yes

I have great support workers. They can't tell me enough information to make various decisions, as NDIS simply doesn't provide that information

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

* Guidelines for decision supporters: No
* Scenarios or Examples: No
* Information Sessions: No
* Support Networks: No
* Other: Yes

NDIS has a responsibility to be transparent and provide clear information

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?**

Nothing

**What could have been better?**

My NDIS Plan stated one thing - that I'm eligible for home modification. But I've verbally been advised by NDIS that I'm not eligible for home modifications. My NDIS Plan doesn't even state the amount of disability accommodation funding provided. NDIS is at fault here - not the support coordinators

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

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

NDIS needs to provide sufficient detail in the Plan and on their website to enable Participants to make decisions. It's about NDIS not the support sector.

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:** No

**A psychosocial disability:** No

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** No

**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?**

No response recorded

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

No response recorded

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

No response recorded

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

NDIS provides clear information and is transparent. Quite basic. NDIS currently is as transparent as a reinforced concrete wall

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

No response recorded