Support for Decision Making consultation submission

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# 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

# 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: Yes
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

# What should they do to help with decision-making?

Those trusted and closest to the person requiring assistance can assist in decision making

# 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

# 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: No
* Other: No

# 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: Yes
* Other: No

# 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?

Empowering them to make the decision based on facts and trusted people around them

## What could have been better?

No answer recorded

# 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: Yes
* Guidance Tools: Yes
* Not Sure: No
* Other: No

# Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, Financial powers or Attorney.

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Make it as simple as possible for them to understand.

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Make it as simple as possible for them to understand.

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes,

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** No

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

# How can we help reduce conflict of interest?

Use trusted advocates

# How can we help reduce undue influence?

Empower the participant to be confident about notification.

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

Easily influenced, can be trapped into making a decision.

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

No response recorded

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

No response recorded