Firstly, I appreciate what I am about to propose will not suit or support all NDIS people who are or will require supported independent living in communal houses. There will always be a need for supported independent living group houses.

However, considering the amount of $325,000 per year quoted by NDIS, I believe the numbers could be significantly reduced, if another flexible option was considered.

If I assume that of the $325,000 the living component is around $4000 per week ($208,000 per year), then families may consider that they could fully house the NDIS recipient family member for a quarter of the cost - $1000 per week.

My proposal would be that a family may consider this arrangement to fully house their NDIS family member, if they receive this payment rather than seeking supported independent living arrangements

Payment to families would need to be dependent on a process of accountability where the family would submit a statutory declaration plan and future follow up compliance documents / receipts.

Without such incentive payment process, many families could not possibly consider self-funding their own NDIS family member.

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