**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 79 (NSW)

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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: Yes
* 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, A person who has Lupus (auto immune) & Raynards disease effects hands which creates difficulties doing anything

1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**

* Resources: Yes
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: No
* 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: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: No
* Other: No

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

Meet with us in person, understand what is needed & provide information & relevant resources

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: No
* They are a registered provider: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* 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: No
* Information Sessions: Yes
* Support Networks: Yes
* Other: Yes

Well no one has ever informed us of this support so it would help if we knew anything about it

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

ONE PERSON TO DEAL WITH, ONE PERSON ADEQUATELY TRAINED IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT WE NEED AND HAVING THAT PERSON INITIATE FIRST STEPS

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

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, Options for Assistive Technology and a Full AT assessment at the start

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Level of function & ability, listen to what the people who have cared for these people for years & years believe the participant would benefit from

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, It doesn't just relate to people with drug & alcohol problems!! More info collected for adequate assessment

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, Smart home, training & help with re learning to communicate better

**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?**

Stop denying the people who have given up their lives to care for other people some like me for 20years the same money you offer a complete stranger to come in & do all the things you could have done as a family, that could of actually been spent on improving living conditions, that could have meant less people relying on govt funding to survive!! It is not at all acceptable to pay some stranger $100 an hr on a sunday say to take the participant out & spend the day out enjoying themselves while the carer or family are left to keep working with no help or support & trying to survive on $150 a fornight absolute disgrace!! It would also iliminate the need for other costly supports that require further funding!! Either way its not ok to exclude those who bust their arses day in day from being a paid support worker!

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

Reduce the need for them!! better provide in home supports & services like i said im 3 years down the track still doing circles dealing with useless untrained people and no where to get one person from the ndis to take the case & sort it out!

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

He can't make decisions

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

Provide the home mods & AT & help for family and all the things promised that we are still without i spend 7 days a week having to rectify mistakes, search for information, deal with issue after issue for everything im so over it im about to break!

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

Its all good on paper however, the people who are suppose to be implementing these new options or providing participants with the information & services needed ARN'T!! They know nothing about most updates & lack the knowledge needed to give participants the info they need causing months of delay & wasted funding while our health declines for actually causing us more work than a full time job, stress for having to continuously research & call people to get somewhere!