**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

**Name:** Individual 12 (VIC)

**Date and time submitted:** 9/9/2021 8:53:00 AM

**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: No
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

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

Suggest ideas

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: 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: Yes
* Other: Yes

Do a course & employ people who aren't slack.

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: Yes
* Support Networks: Yes
* Other: No

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: Yes
* Information and Resources: Yes
* 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:** No

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** No

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Have someone who's trained in someway.

**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?**

Get the finance providers to check invoices & payments better.

Eg my cleaner has done some extra things for me besides cleaning but is charging 4 hours per week? But is not doing 4hours a week cleaning.

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

Service Provider & Other departments to check we are ok. I get a phone call every so often to make sure I'm okay

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

Nil I believe I'm qualified to make decisions for myself which I have done from a young age.

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

Don't allow NDIS to rip the client off & roll over the previous years funding into the next year. Allow for things they need & stop the clients being forced to appeal certain things as it is too stressful & you become suicidal

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

Stop making clients appeal decisions made for medical things they need. It is way too stressful & leads to suicidal thoughts. You are playing games with people's emotions & minds.