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The right support at the right time

What needs to happen with Supported Decision Making



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Council for Intellectual Disability made this information.

We say CID for short.



This information is about what needs to happen with **supported decision making**.



Supported decision making is when someone supports you to make your own decisions.

The Problem



If someone does not have the right support to make decisions they might be given a

- **Guardian**
- **Financial manager**.



A **guardian** is a person who makes decisions for a person if they can not make them by themselves.



A **financial manager** makes decisions about money for a person.



Having a guardian or financial manager can mean a person has less control over their life.

What needs to happen

We want the **NSW Ageing and Disability Commission** to help everyone understand supported decision making.

We say **ADC** for short.



We want the ADC to make information about how to support people to make decisions.



We want the ADC to support services and government to get better at supported decision making.



This will help people with intellectual disability get the support they need to make their own decisions.



It will mean guardianship and financial management will only be done when it is really needed.

Why change needs to happen





Too many people with intellectual disability have a

- Guardian

- Financial manager.





There are too many First Nations people who have a

- Guardian

- Financial manager.



This is because there is no other support for people who need support to make decisions.



A lot of people with intellectual disability have not been shown how to make decisions.



People do not know the best way to support people to make decisions for themselves.



Supported decision making can help people who find it hard to make decisions.



A lot of people agree that it is time for things to change.

NSW GOVERNMENT

It is time for the government to make sure people can get the support they need to make decisions.

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