

- *The NDIS promises that participants will be able to choose where they live, with whom they live and who supports them. Currently however, the main model of housing and support is group homes where people do not have these choices.*
- *The NDIS will lead to a growth of housing and support. Housing built today will either open or close opportunities for participants today and in the future.*
- *Participants and their families are not familiar with models alternate to group homes and the market of alternate models is thin.*
- *What should the NDIA do?*

**The NDIA needs to ensure that the growth of housing and support is based on options that are contemporary, evidence-based and enable participants to choose where they live, with whom they live and who supports them.**

## Success requires the NDIA to:

1. Ensure that all options of housing and support facilitate:

- participant capacity building
- development of informal support
- development of personal safeguards
- leadership.

Home Share, Shared Lives, Key Ring and Approaches to irregular support are examples of contemporary, evidence based options showcased.

2. Transition traditional options including assisting families of residents to understand opportunities and safeguards.

3. Improve practice in traditional models

## Barriers to success that the NDIA must overcome include:

The lack of:

- mechanisms to foster innovation
- policy clarity, especially with regard to:
  - the separation of housing and support
  - the status of group homes
- information about contemporary options
- availability of contemporary options
- transition pathways for traditional options
- operational clarity, especially with regard to:
  - support to explore, plan and transition into more independent living
  - support for leadership in individual supported living arrangements
  - price guide
  - SIL issues
  - plan management.

## So, the NDIA should facilitate the development of contemporary options of housing and support including:

1. Enhance the NDIA capacity to foster innovation.
2. Maximise the independence and safety of participants.
3. Stimulate the development of more contemporary options on the ground.
4. Provide a clear pathway to transition traditional options.
5. Improve existing practice.
6. Calibrate NDIA systems to support contemporary options.
7. Promote the implementation of the National Disability Strategy.