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Supported Decision Making Policy



The Supported Decision Making Policy was released last week. Supported Decision Making is a great way for people with disabilities to maintain control and make their own decisions. By getting the support they need from people they trust – like friends, family, and professionals – individuals can fully participate in decisions that affect their life. The Supported Decision Making Policy is available to read on the [NDIS website](#).

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We at VALID are proud to have been part of the two-day meeting hosted by the Community Development team that engaged members of the Banyule/Darebin Peer Action Group. It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss potential collaborations. We are looking ahead to working with Advocacy WA in the future. You can find out more about our Peer Action Groups [here](#).

Palliative Care Easy Read resources



Having difficult conversations about sensitive topics can be daunting but Palliative Care and VALID are here to help. We have put together a series of amazing tools and resources to help individuals navigating difficult

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forget to reach out to your health care professionals and case workers. The resources are on our [website](#).

Have you had inpatient surgery under general anesthetic within the last 6 months?

Do you identify as a person with an intellectual disability? Do you care for a person with an intellectual disability?

Researcher Jennifer Bur, with Western Sydney University, wants to ask some questions about your experiences when you went to hospital and had surgery. Jennifer is doing an exploration of the perioperative care pathway experiences for people with intellectual disability within Australia.

Please contact the researchers below to discuss the research study before deciding if you would like to join in the research.

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