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Transcript

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. My contact details are mobile [REDACTED] My email address is all lowercase [REDACTED] Yes, I'm happy to participate in this.

Are you happy?

Survey. Yeah. And I'm happy for people. My name and submission to be made public if required. I have no qualms with that at all. I have lived at [REDACTED] for two years approximately. I had previously spent two years at [REDACTED], but I'd like to talk to you about [REDACTED]. It is a level 3 facility that I consider a lot better than when I stayed at [REDACTED], so I just as tactful as I can be. I get support here, but also I have a rather large NDIS package that I use. I get \$105,000 a year which I use for things that I wouldn't be able to afford to do if I didn't have the NDIS because we live out in the rural areas, there's no public transport. I use my NDIS to see my exercise physiologist and my psychologist every fortnight and I visit my mother in Runcorn in Brisbane every Saturday or every second Saturday, none of those I would be able to do if I didn't have NDIS because I couldn't afford to pay for it myself. I am NDIS is complicated and so is even costing out how much it costs to live here, but really like consider where I live a superb place. The only changes I see there should be a level above level 3 for people like where I live, there's 61 of us and we've all got a mental and or physical disability and I feel like some days we can cope and others you can't and that's where there should be like a level 3A facility term where more funding is, is there to help the residents physical and mental needs, which aren't a consistent everyday occurrence. I find often when we send someone to hospital in the ambulance who's having a mental breakdown, should I say is seen there by someone from the mental health team, not necessarily a doctor, and invariably they are sent home in a cab by themselves at 3:00am in the morning, which I consider a total waste of everyone's time. There's a lot of times, even the person working here at night doesn't know someone that's come back. It makes it difficult. As for what we get here, meals rather good. I put on 40 kilos since I've been here. Some people say the food is ordinary. It is hard to get changed if you don't like something on the day so that you have to be aware of that. OK ummm. I just, I just would I just really think it needs to be that extra level for when the mental health of someone is not quite as it should be, which happens often here, cause there's 61 of us here with all different medical and physical and mental disabilities. We're not all schizophrenics or bipolars or PTSD's. We're all different things, so we need extra help because here is doing as much as we can with the with the funding it doesn't it have? ut it needs more. This will all end up in the Psyc unit.

Thank you.