# Supported Decision Making and Guardianship Reform

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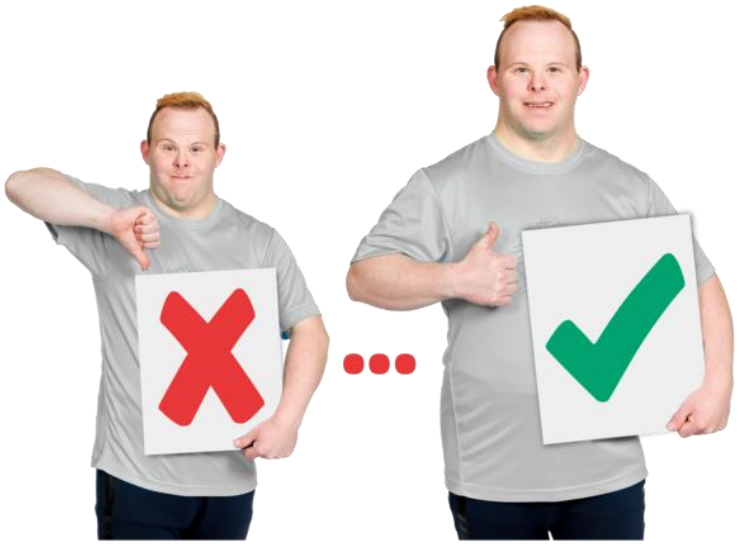
# Acknowledgement of Country

# What have we learnt from the past?



Problem: Decision making rights removed

Impact: Restriction and overprotection

Solution: Supported Decision Making

# The Problem

## Spectrum of Decision Making

Produced by the NSW Public Guardian 2017

Q1. Why do you think Financial management and Guardianship numbers are rising?

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# The Impact

No choice

No Control

No Growth

2. What stops a person from being able to make their own decisions ?

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# The Solution

## Proof of SDM before Guardianship

Before **NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal** (NCAT) can make a guardianship order, the applicant must present evidence of the SDM strategies they have tried

3. What would help stop people coming under Financial management and Guardianship?

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# Supported Decision Making

- Get to know the person
- Assume they can be a decision maker
- Give them the support they need
- Listen to will and preference
- Provide room for reasonable risk
- Sensible safeguarding

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# Thankyou

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