

# Concurrent 8: Better access to housing for people living with mental health issues - the intersection of the NDIS and housing

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# Conversion of Affordable, Accessible Properties to SDA 'Improved Livability'

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# What Worked

- Establishing what was required to adapt the property to SDA Design standards
- **Registering as a Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Improved Liveability**
- Maximising the properties' potential and purpose
- **Optimising housing diversity to create a community and reduce barriers that people living with disabilities are living with**
- Meeting demand for centrally located housing close to amenities





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# Challenges

- COVID lockdown potential tenants not looking, vacant for over 6 months.
  - **75 referrals - majority no SDA funding in their plan or waiting for SDA approval from NDIS.**
  - NDIS restrictions where participants can/cannot live.
  - **There is no 'central location' for tenants looking for SDA properties to be on a waitlist, the tenant needs to source a property themselves which is very confusing for them**
  - SDA is still not understood in the NDIS community.
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# Learnings

- Connect the right person with the right property in the right area with the right funding.
- **Better planning pathway for SDA-funded tenants to enter SDA properties – Hit & Miss.**
- Education across the sector on planning pathways to support desired long-term housing outcomes.
- **Reduction in NDIS requirements – simplify for a client-led experience.**





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Thank you

Questions

