Residents, families and carers in specialist disability accommodation have been invited to share their views on how their rights can be protected in the transition to the NDIS when it comes to specialist disability accommodation.

As part of the transition to the NDIS, all participants should be empowered to exercise choice and control in every part of their life – especially in choosing accommodation.

It is about ensuring people with disability are able to live their life, their way.

The current housing laws are not fit for an NDIS environment, as it is too difficult for residents to change service providers in their home.

To address this issue, the Andrews Labor Government is undertaking public consultation around how the new laws will work. This includes hearing from Victorians about what they like and don’t like about the current laws, and what they would like to see happen in the future.

Any new Victorian legislation will support all specialist disability accommodation residents to change their service provider and know their tenancy is secure and rights are protected.

This consultation will happen hand in hand with the community so that people with disability, their families and carers, staff, service providers and advocacy groups can all have a say.

In addition to taking formal submissions, the Government will also conduct sessions with affected residents to make sure that their views are front and centre of any new legislation.

The consultation period will close on Friday 30 June 2017.

For more information on the consultation, or to make a submission, please visit www.engage.vic.gov.au/sda.


Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Martin Foley

“Victoria is committed to supporting people with disability and their families, the workforce and service providers as they transition to the NDIS.”

“The NDIS rollout and the housing choices that will accompany it, are a big step to delivering the promise of an ordinary life for people with disability, and ensuring they are able to live their life, their way.”

“We want to work with residents and the community to find out what rights and protections are most important – we encourage you to have your say.”