# MERCY CONNECT 2019 PARTICIPANT SURVEY

# WHO PARTICIPATED

**41%** OF PARTICIPANTS

31 MALES

19 FEMALES

6 PARTICIPANTS WHO IDENTIFY
AS ABORIGINAL OR TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER

**35** PARTICIPANTS WHO LIVE IN MERCY CONNECT GROUP HOMES

14 PARTICIPANTS WHO RECEIVE DROP IN SUPPORT

23 FAMILIES

O PROXY RESPONSES



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### THE STUDY

The 2019 Mercy Connect Participant Satisfaction Survey has given the participants who we service a voice. This is the first study of its kind for Mercy Connect and the disability community as a whole, with the entire survey recorded from the view and in the words of the participant. The findings of this study highlight the experiences of participants covering a range of quality of life outcomes relevant to their lives.

### RESULTS

72.3 % Of Mercy Connect participants said they felt 'ok' or 'great' overall about where they lived.

**82.9** % Of Mercy Connect participants said they felt 'ok' or 'great' about the level of safety in their home.

12.7% Of Mercy Connect participants gave a response of 'bad' to the level of safety in their home. Of these, 66.6% were those who received drop in support.

67.3 % Of Mercy Connect participants said they would like to live with the same amount or less people.

**76.0** % Of Mercy Connect participants said they felt 'ok' or 'great' about how much contact they currently had with their families. 80% of participants surveyed said they would like the same amount or more contact with their families in the future.

**84.7%** Of Mercy Connect participants said they felt 'ok' or 'great' about how much choice they had. When filtered, 76.9% of outreach participants felt 'great' about their level of choice, compared to only 37.5% of people who reside in group homes.

**95.0** % Of family members said they would recommend Mercy Connect to others looking for services provided by us.

## WHAT DO MERCY CONNECT PARTICIPANTS WANT



When asked qualitative questions throughout the survey, these were the most common answers given:



A pool  $\bigcirc$ 

A quiet room to relax in 🗘

Their own home

Chickens O

To live on a farm

To go on a holiday 💍

More staff hours

For family to come and visit

A shed  $\bigcirc$ 

A garden of their own 🖒

Spending more time with friends 🖒











