



Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability

National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia

Discussion Paper: Planning



This is an Easy Read version

There are some difficult words. They will be in **bold blue**. You might need someone to explain these to you. You may call 1800 857 354 for some help with this document. The difficult words are explained on page 8.



Why is Planning a part of the NDIS in WA?



From the start of designing the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** people have talked about personal plans.

People think that everyone **eligible** for NDIS should have a personal plan.

Your plan would include:

- what your life is like now
- your goals for the future
- what you might need to help you achieve to your goals.



How has planning worked under the NDIS in Western Australia?

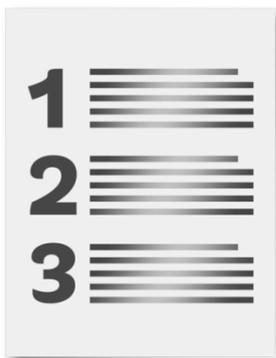
Over the past three years the **NDIS** has been trialled in different towns and cities in Australia.



In Western Australia the **National Disability Insurance Agency** (NDIA) has trialled the **NDIS** in the Perth Hills.

The **Disability Services Commission** has trialled the **WA NDIS** in the Lower South West and Cockburn and Kwinana areas.

In all the trials the personal plans have tried to:



- work out the person's future goals
- say what will be done during that plan to achieve those goals
- list any **reasonable and necessary** supports for the person.

But some parts of the **planning process** have changed during the trials.

We think that this might happen again as the NDIS is trialled in more places in Australia.

What have we learnt about planning during the trialling of NDIS?



In the trials there has been a lot of feedback about the planning process from:

- people with disability
- families, carers
- service providers
- advocacy groups

The NDIA and WA NDIS have tried hard to help people get ready to plan.



People have told us a lot of different things about making a plan.

Some people said:



- you can only make a good plan if the person helping you has lots of time and is good at planning
- planning takes too long
- you need to be able to change your plan if your life changes.

Other people told us planning can be difficult if you:



- were born in another country
- are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- have special communication needs
- have a mental health issue.

Some people are not sure who can help them to make a plan and get it started.



Other people are not sure if the plan should be about your whole life or just about the NDIS supports that you get.



Some people liked planning that was **flexible**.



Some people wanted a lot of help planning.

Some people wanted to plan by themselves.

Planning is very important. It can help you to get what you need to achieve your goals.

But everyone is different so everyone needs an **individualised plan**.

What do you think?



1. What works well in planning now?
2. Are there different sorts of planning?

3. Who should help you with the planning process?
4. Can you tell us how to make planning better?
5. Do you want to tell us anything else about planning?



You can tell us what you think about planning.

Please go to the [Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability](#) website

www.macd.wa.gov.au to find out how you can tell us what you think.

Here are the difficult words.

The **National Disability Insurance Scheme** is a new way the government will support people with disability in Australia. We will sometimes use NDIS when we mean the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

If you are **eligible** it means you can have something. Not everyone is eligible.

When we use **WA** we mean Western Australia.

WA NDIS is the way the Disability Services Commission has trialled the NDIS in Western Australia.

Individualised Planning is a way a person with disability makes a plan about their life.

A **planning process** is the way people with disability work out what to put in their individualised plan.

The **National Disability Insurance Agency** is a Commonwealth government department. We will sometimes use NDIA when we mean the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Disability Services Commission is a State government department.

When we say **reasonable and necessary** we mean the kind of disability supports that met the NDIS rules.

The **Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability** tells the Minister for Disability Services and other parts of the government about what is important to people with disability.