# **Independent Assessment Pilot**

# **Pilot results**



The Independent Assessment Pilot was undertaken from November 2018 to April 2019, to better understand and assess the impact of disability for people seeking support from the NDIS.



#### **Pilot statistics**

513 participants received an assessment 105 NDIS planners trained 300 Local Area Coordinators trained



#### What percentage of people volunteered?

70% of those who were asked to participate volunteered for the pilot.



### When was an assessment completed

5% When accessing the Scheme

**55%** Developing a first plan

40% Completing a scheduled review



#### **Disability breakdown**

66% Autism spectrum disorder

27% Intellectual disability

7% Psychosocial disability

## **Pilot Insight**

The use of consistent functional capacity assessments resulted in improved decision-making and more equitable plan outcomes for participants with similar characteristics.

#### **Participant Satisfaction**

91% of participants were very satisfied or satisfied with the process.

**Participants and families** appreciated having the assessments in either their home or at the assessors office, at a time that suited them.

NDIA staff and partners gained greater insight into the impact of a participant's disability on their daily life.

#### Insights from assessments led to

- ✓ Better planning conversations
- ✓ Improved decision making
- ✓ Equitable plan outcomes