Western Australia and the National Disability Insurance Scheme: WA Reference Group

The State Government established the Western Australian NDIS Reference Group to get genuine input and engagement during the development and implementation of the NDIS.

Representatives were chosen from across the community, including people with disability, their families and carers, advocacy organisations, service providers and the Government.

The group gives people with experience of disability and mental health issues the chance to influence the WA Government’s stance on this national initiative and how the NDIS may be developed and implemented in Western Australia.

The purpose of the WA NDIS Reference Group is to bring together representatives from the Western Australian community:

- to provide input and advice to State Government on the development and implementation of a NDIS in Western Australia.
- to provide transparency of the design process of a NDIS for Western Australia stakeholders.

The Reference Group will provide input and advice to the State Government on the development and implementation of a NDIS in Western Australia on key aspects including, but not limited to:

- Individualised approaches to funding, choice and control
- Sector and community capacity and development
- National quality standards, eligibility and assessment
- Governance, including the roles and responsibility of the different levels of government
- Application of the principles of insurance and sustainability of funding
- Interaction of individuals, families and carers with the NDIS (client pathways)
- Local support networks and
- Proposed implementation and transition arrangements.

Reference group members include: co-chairs Peter Conran and Joan McKenna Kerr; and members Sue Agostino, Sam Jenkinson, Janet McLean, Greg Madson, Bruce Langoulant, Jen Stacey, Kerry Hawkins, Justin Lunn, Gordon Trewern, Marcus Stafford, John Gherardi, Taryn Harvey, Ron Chalmers, Tim Marney, Eddie Bartnik and Kathy Hough.