Figure 1: Proposed planning process for new and existing participants aged 7 to 65 (from late-2021)



Step 1

Applicant undergoes an independent assessment, incorporating an assessment of functional capacity, including any environmental factors, and other individual circumstances



Step 2

An NDIS delegate considers a budget informed by the outcomes of the independent assessment and identifies any additional supports required



Step 3

Participant receives a draft plan, including a draft plan budget



Step 4

Planning conversation about the participant's goals and how their community and mainstream supports and NDIS funds can be used to pursue these and meet their disability-related support needs



Step 5

A plan and personalised budget is finalised by the delegate, including any additional supports, allocation of funding to a fixed and flexible budget, release and management of funding



Step 6

Participant recieves their NDIS plan and personalised NDIS budget. They have choice over how those funds are used to implement their plan and pursue their goals. Funds are released at the agreed interval (eg. monthly)



Step 7

NDIA checks-in with participant at agreed timeframes, or as required



Step 8

For smaller changes, a variation is made to a participant's plan. For larger changes, a new independent assessment is required