## The Assessment Process

The assessment process aims to determine an individual's; level of functioning,

for review

support needs and diagnostic status. The model as per recommendations in the REFERRAL National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders (from medical practitioner, educator, allied health professional or client) in Australia, provides the client a comprehensive needs assessment followed, if appropriate by a diagnostic evaluation. (see diagram below). Consensus Team **Comprehensive Needs Assessment** Diagnostic Evaluation Clinical Interview Psychological assessments (as required) completed by provisional/general Assessment of Functioning (includes relevent screeners) psychologist under clinical supervision) • Cognitive /learning assessment Report with recommendation for (as required) further assessment by other health professionals e.g. Occupational • Report (includes recommendations for therapist, speech pathologist (as further assessment/intervention (as required) required) Referral to GP for medical Referral to Pediatrician evaluation for assessment

neurodevelopmental conditions (if required Diagnostic Evaluation)