The Assessment Process

The assessment process aims to determine an individual’s level of functioning, support needs and diagnostic status. The model as per recommendations in the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia, provides the client a comprehensive needs assessment followed, if appropriate by a diagnostic evaluation. (see diagram below).

- Clinical Interview
- Assessment of Functioning (includes relevant screeners)
- Cognitive /learning assessment (as required)
- Report (includes recommendations for further assessment/intervention (as required)

Referral to GP for medical evaluation for assessment neurodevelopmental conditions (if required Diagnostic Evaluation)

- Psychological assessments (as required) completed by provisional/general psychologist under clinical supervision
- Report with recommendation for further assessment by other health professionals e.g. Occupational therapist, speech pathologist (as required)

Referral to Pediatrician for review