The Western Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) model and the housing challenge
History of disability services in Western Australia

- Limited exposure to institutional care in decades gone by
- Group home living – but the demand appears to have peaked!
- Local Area Coordination – focus on a good, normal, ordinary life – which includes typical housing (cultural analogue)
- The impact of community living
- Increasing demand for flats, units, duplexes, houses (typical housing)
- Increasing demand for housing in “convenient” locations (proximity to amenities, employment, informal supports)
Current situation

- WA population – 2.6million
- People currently accessing disability services (all ages) - 25,000
- Estimate of people eligible for NDIS - 40,000
- Number of specialist houses for people with disability = currently less than 850
- Recent investment in housing for people with disability = 201 houses
- Number of people on waitlist for specialist disability housing = 170
- People with disability also continue to access housing via social housing
The WA NDIS model and the housing challenge

$95.7 million Combined Capital Bid (2011-15)

201 dwellings were spot purchased or built 328 people were accommodated.

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WA NDIS Trial:

Lower South West  (target: 1404  current: 850)
people waiting for housing = 12

Cockburn Kwinana  (target: 2944  current: 1012)
people waiting for housing = 12
WA NDIS Model

- The potency of the WA NDIS model (based on 20 years development)
- Role of Local Area Coordinators
- Integrated holistic planning – critically important!
- Partnership approach
- Innovation and creativity
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