



# INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, 19 JUNE 2024

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's second meeting for the year was held in Canberra on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Five members attended in person, including ex-office member from Treasury and the Deputy CEO – Policy and Programs (NIAA). An apology was received from Dr Michelle Dickson.

### Key discussions

- The Committee received a briefing on the 2024-2025 Federal Budget implications for Indigenous Affairs, and the progress towards a response to the Productivity Commission's three yearly review.
- The Committee discussed the evaluation approach for the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Package, and support for the First Nations Reference Group on the evaluation of the program objectives.
- The Committee continued to model Indigenous ways of working through holding a yarning discussion on empowerment. With a focus on place-based partnerships, a number of considerations were shared:
  - a staged approach to empowerment may be needed, with shared agreement on how to define empowerment and self-determination, and the role for government;
  - the need to enable communities to identify the measures which matter to them;
  - the need to build the evaluative capacity for all stakeholders involved in policy; and
  - the need for shared principles for engagement, including government facilitating joined up approaches to support fuller participation in place.
- The Committee received a briefing on the projects underway at the Australian Centre for Evaluation.
- The Committee reviewed the IAS evaluation workplan updates since the March 2024 meeting, and provided in depth comment on five priority evaluation projects.

### Next meeting

The IEC's next meeting will be held in Canberra on 31 October 2024.

Mr Jason Ardler  
IEC Chair