



INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, 11 DECEMBER 2020

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's (IEC's) eighth meeting was held via videoconference on 11 December 2020, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Membership

Dr Anthony Dillon's term as a member of the IEC ended on 24 December 2020. The IEC acknowledged the contributions Dr Dillon made since the IEC was established in 2018.

Key discussions

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) provided updates on:

- the status of evaluations and evaluation strategies currently being undertaken by the NIAA
- governance arrangements for the Empowered Communities Implementation Review
- the development of a performance monitoring and evaluations framework for the NIAA.

Policy Evaluation and Analysis Branch also presented learnings from a review of management response reporting, including the importance of working more closely with evaluators and program areas to prioritise evaluation findings and recommendations to make them more actionable. The IEC responded that co-design of evaluation findings and recommendations was important to gain buy-in from all who use the evaluation recommendations.

The IEC also highlighted the importance of Indigenous data governance to bring an Indigenous worldview to data analysis and to ensure use of data considered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing before decisions are made.

Key message

The IEC highlighted the importance of FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable) and CARE (collective benefit, authority to control, responsibility, ethics) principles for Indigenous data governance. The IEC Chair also made a call for action on joined-up Indigenous data infrastructure during her presentation on Indigenous data governance and Indigenous data sovereignty.

Next meeting

The IEC's next meeting will be held in Canberra, or by videoconference, in April 2021.

Distinguished Professor Maggie Walter

IEC Chair