



INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2021

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's 9th meeting was held in Canberra on Thursday 8 April.

Key discussions

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

- the NIAA response to Productivity Commission Indigenous Evaluation Strategy
- NIAA's Early Childhood Strategy. This agenda item was focused on discussing how the learnings from past evaluations were incorporated into the development of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Strategy.
- the Annual Evaluation Work Plan
 - IEC comments on evaluations were most valuable at the early stage of conduct, when there was a greater possibility of influencing the scope or quality of an evaluation.
- Members participated in an NIAA all-staff learning event 'Why is Evaluation Important – Insights From the Indigenous Evaluation Committee'

Key message

- NIAA needs to consider monitoring and evaluation at the early stages of policy and program planning.
- IEC members highlighted the importance of providing feedback to communities on evaluations as well as getting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved in evaluation planning.

Next meeting

The IEC's next meeting is planned to be held on 21 July 2021.

Prof. Maggie Walter

IEC Chair