



INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ 26 JUNE 2023

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's second meeting for the year was held in Canberra on Monday 26 June 2023.

Key messages

A clear theme of discussions was the importance of centring the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in data, evidence and insights.

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- The IEC gave its initial perspectives on prioritisation of NIAA evaluations. The IEC noted the NIAA program managers and decision makers need to consider broader systemic changes across governments to influence change.

Australian Centre for Evaluation (ACE) – how will Indigenous voices be heard in evaluation

- Representatives from the Productivity Commission (PC) and the new Australian Centre for Evaluation (ACE) attended the meeting to discuss how ACE can draw on the PC's Indigenous Evaluation Strategy (IES) and the IAS Evaluation Framework to inform cross-cutting/high priority evaluations.

Framework for Governance of Indigenous Data

- A project being undertaken across whole-of-Australian-government to develop a Framework for Governance of Indigenous Data was discussed. The Framework is intended to improve the collection, use and disclosure of Indigenous data by Australian Public Service agencies.
- The final Framework will be shared with the IEC at its next meeting.

Remote Jobs pilot program

- A 'lessons learned' review of the Remote Jobs Pilot undertaken by Keogh Bay Consulting was presented as part of the new yarning sessions in the IEC agenda. The session was a chance to share feedback of benefit to both the NIAA and Keogh Bay Consulting.

Empowered Communities Program

- The Empowered Communities program was discussed, including plans for a review of the Empowered Communities Partnership later this year.

Next meeting

The IEC's next meeting date is to be confirmed.

Mr Jason Ardler

IEC Chair