

Indigenous Evaluation Committee

Meeting Communiqué, 31 October 2024

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's final meeting of 2024 was held in Canberra on Thursday 31 October 2024. Mr Tony Kiessler, Associate Professor Michelle Dickson, and ex-officio member Julie-Ann Guivarra attended in person, with Mr Jason Ardler and Dr Fiona Cram attending online. An apology was received from ex-officio member Dr Shane Johnson.

Key discussions

- The Committee received a briefing from Mr Selwyn Button, Indigenous Policy Evaluation Commissioner, about the Productivity Commission's workplan over the next few years and discussed alignment with NIAA priorities.
- The Committee discussed the evaluation approach for the Central Australia Plan with Inside Policy and agreed to provide feedback at key points in the evaluation process.
- The Committee received a briefing about the upcoming development of a monitoring, evaluation and learning framework for the Remote Jobs and Economic Development program. NIAA will ensure previous feedback from the Committee is incorporated into the framework.
- The Committee discussed the near complete evaluation of the Indigenous Business and Employment Hubs program, with a focus on discussing lessons learned.
- The Committee received a briefing from the Australian Centre of Evaluation on early insights from the State of Evaluation Survey and provided feedback on the Commonwealth Evaluation Toolkit.
- The Committee reviewed the IAS Evaluation Workplan updates and received a briefing on the Junior Rangers Capacity Building and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework Project and discussed the Empowered Communities Partnership Lessons Learned project.
- The Committee received a briefing about the NIAA IAS Impact Measurement Project and agreed to a targeted workshop about this project.

Next meeting

The next Indigenous Evaluation Committee meeting will be held in Canberra on 19 February 2025.

Mr Jason Ardler
IEC Chair