



Indigenous Evaluation Committee

Meeting Communiqué for 18-19 June 2025

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's second meeting of 2025 was held on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June 2025. Mr Jason Ardler, Dr Fiona Cram and Ms Eleanor Williams attended in person and Professor Michelle Dickson, Mr Tony Kiessler and Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra attended virtually. Dr Simon Gordon and Ms Nattlie Smith attended for NIAA.

Key discussions

- The Committee discussed its role in supporting the National Indigenous Australians Agency's evaluation priorities, including priorities situated in the Northern Territory.
- The Committee discussed with the **Australian Centre for Evaluation** key insights from the inaugural State of Evaluation in the Australian Government 2025 report. The Committee provided advice on actions to build evaluation skills, increase cultural competency, and support the **Indigenous evaluation sector**.
- The Committee received a briefing about the **NT Remote Housing Agreement**, including partnership arrangements, and discussed the Committee's role in supporting upcoming monitoring and evaluation.
- The Committee considered Inside Policy's presentation of draft evaluation findings from the **Central Australia Plan evaluation** and discussed next steps.
- The Committee considered Ninti One's presentation on the progress to date in developing the **Junior Rangers Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework and capacity building plans**.
- The Committee explored opportunities to support the NIAA in the **Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI)** partnership with Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT) and the NT Government.
- The Committee discussed the National Strategy for **Food Security** in Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and suitable monitoring and evaluation approaches for related food security initiatives. The Committee also visited the Outback Stores warehouse to understand the practical implementation of food security initiatives, supporting the Committee's ongoing advisory role.
- The Committee reviewed the **Indigenous Advancement Strategy Evaluation Work Plan** updates.

Next meeting

The next Indigenous Evaluation Committee meeting is proposed to be held in Canberra in September 2025.

Mr Jason Ardler

IEC Chair

