



# INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, 18 APRIL 2023

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee (IEC) met for the first time in 2023 on 18 April in Canberra. This was a make-up meeting for an IEC meeting originally scheduled for late 2022. The IEC welcomed a new National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) ex-officio member Mr James Christian. A further three meetings will be held in 2023 as per the IEC Terms of Reference.

### **Key discussions**

The IEC discussed the NIAA's Galambany transformation process. The IEC noted that organisational change will require the NIAA to understand when and where it needs to have influence, and have the data and evidence to influence policy stakeholders.

The IEC and guests from the Productivity Commission (PC) and Australian Public Service (APS) Reform Office discussed how the PC's Indigenous Evaluation Strategy and the NIAA's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Evaluation Framework can align to embed a central evaluation function in the APS, and how Indigenous voices need to be heard and represented in evaluations. It was agreed that Indigenous perspectives and insights must be part of the current task of lifting evaluation capability across the APS.

An evaluation yarning session was held focusing on the current Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy evaluation. Evaluators ARTD presented to the IEC on the progress of the evaluation and discussed with the IEC findings and learnings to date.

### **Next meeting**

The IEC's next meeting will be held in Canberra on 26 June 2023.

Mr Jason Ardler

IEC Chair