# Indigenous evaluation committee

## **Meeting communiqué, 21 July 2021**

The 10th meeting of the Indigenous Evaluation Committee was held in Canberra on 21 July 2021.

**Key discussions**

The NIAA Acting CEO Blair Exell thanked outgoing IEC Chair Distinguished Professor Maggie Walter who has resigned her position due to her appointment to Victoria’s Yoo-Rook Social Justice Commission.

**Key message**

The IEC shared perspectives and best practice examples on how NIAA can better support involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in planning, designing and conducting evaluation. Best practice evaluation, as outlined in the IAS Evaluation Framework, incorporates collaborative approaches, is strengths based, builds partnerships and demonstrates cultural respect towards Indigenous Australians.

**Key message**

The NIAA updated the IEC on progress with developing a performance monitoring and evaluation (PM&E) framework. IEC members recommended that Indigenous leadership and governance continue to be embedded in monitoring and reporting.

**Key message**

To improve the IEC’s out-of-session review of evaluations the NIAA will schedule ad hoc meetings to discuss IEC feedback on evaluations and evaluation strategies. These meetings will be in addition to regular committee meetings and will include program evaluation managers, NIAA evaluation advisers and the IEC members in order to improve understanding and communication of feedback by all parties.

**Next meeting**

The IEC’s next meeting will be held in Canberra in early 2022 pending the appointment of a new chair.

Prof. Maggie Walter

Outgoing IEC Chair