



Communique – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy (LPP) Partnership Meeting, 3 - 4 September 2024

The seventh LPP meeting was held in Tandanya/Adelaide on the 3rd and 4th of September 2024. Senior Kurna Man Mickey Kumatpi O'Brien opened the meeting with a Welcome to Country. The LPP then received a presentation on local Kurna language work from Alison Denee and Mark Cantanzariti from the Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Language Program.

The group undertook governance and administrative updates, approving the previous LPP Meeting minutes and considering proposed amendments and additions to the LPP Operating Protocols. Key work updates included the LPP communications work, and the Languages Sector Strengthening Plan (LSSP). Members agreed to form a working group to guide the development of the LSSP. Members then provided progress updates respective to community and jurisdictional work.

The group heard from the LPP working group convened to consider the allocation of increased funding to the Australian Government's Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) program. The LPP agreed to endorse the working group's recommendations which will be reported to the Minister for the Arts. The LPP also considered potential research projects for commission and identified three priority projects: a framework for interpreting and translating, a framework for community language investments and economic rationale, and a national collections strategy for management of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language materials held in community, state and private collections.

On day two members received a presentation from Cox Inall Ridgeway (CIR) on the proposed approach and methodology for the LPP evaluation. The group will begin to work with CIR out-of-session and at future LPP meetings. The LPP then received an update on Target 16 data, including the need to develop an LPP data development plan and to examine the metrics to establish an adequate baseline for Target 16. The LPP Data Working Group will continue to work on this, and it was agreed that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LPP representatives would meet out of session to undertake definitional work for the Target.

The LPP received presentations from:

- Gulwanyang Moran, Jasmyn Irwin, Museums of History NSW, and Elle Blacklock, NSW Aboriginal Languages Trust, on the First Nations Community Access to Archives project.
- David Lindenbaur from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) on the Culture and Empowered Communities branch. The group discussed connected responsibilities and how NIAA can support the LPP.
- Early Childhood, Care and Development Policy Partnership (ECCDPP) co-chairs Catherine Liddle and Kylie Crane including an overview of the ECCDPP work and discussion about intersections and the importance of undertaking a cross-sector approach for both policy partnerships within Closing the Gap.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11 and 12 December 2024.

Meeting attendee list

Coalition of Peaks representatives	
Karina Lester	Mobile Language Team
Daisy Allen on behalf of Heather Sculthorpe	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
Beau Williams	First Languages Australia (Co-Chair)
Independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives	
Patsy Ngalu Bedford	Independent
Daryn McKenny	Independent
Leitha Assan	Independent
Samantha Armstrong	Independent
Gulwanyang Moran	Independent
Government representatives	
Shelagh Magadza on behalf of Erin Gauntlett	Western Australian Government
Bronwyn Milera	South Australian Government
Elle Blacklock on behalf of Clare McHugh	New South Wales Government
Caroline Spotswood on behalf of Mellissa Gray	Tasmanian Government
Kathy Parton	Queensland Government
Angela Singh	Victorian Government
Brendan Moyle	ACT Government
Stephen Arnott	Commonwealth Government (Co-Chair)
Camille Lew Fatt on behalf of Dorrelle Anderson	Northern Territory Government

Apologies

Karen Paterson	First Nations Media Association
Heather Sculthorpe	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
Dorrelle Anderson	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Vicki Couzens	Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages