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Pillars 1 and 4 - in language revival we have held too much authority up until now in academic spaces and put too much language reawakening emphasis on systemising and simplifying language. It is time for us to repatriate language, no longer simplifying what the old people have said, but bringing our language learners into direct contact with what they said and how they said it in the most accessible possible ways. This means we need effective pathways for legitimate community organisations to find and surface these materials as well as support for our community-led maintenance of collections and classification systems to ensure that the right materials can be in front of the right people's eyes and ears. We need strong collaboration between community organisations and current stewards of this information such as libraries, universities, and AIATSIS. We need to be able to engage in discover, digitisation and transcription with minimal friction. We need support for community organisations to act as stewards for digital replicas of this information and to control how that information under their stewardship is expressed and shared. We need support for community organisations to establish strong information management policies, procedures, and systems.

Pillar 5 - We need support for community organisations to lead and to coordinate with one another as well as to promote learning opportunities within their own communities and online.