

Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance



Purpose

This project aims to support the implementation of Indigenous Data Governance (IDG) practices and systems reform within Primary Health Networks (PHNs) by embedding authentic, comprehensive, and systematic approaches to Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance (IDS&G). Through this work, PHNs will have access to a best practice approach to Indigenous Data Governance that aligns with the current Commonwealth direction in this space, and if implemented, will contribute to a nationally consistent approach to strengthening PHNs' capacity to address and support Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance principles.



What We've Acheived

- Delivered a national Toolkit, Roadmap, and assessment tools to help PHNs apply Indigenous Data Sovereignty in practice
- Brought together a national Steering Group with 50% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander membership
- Held six Steering Group meetings, chaired by Janine Wilson (CEO, EMPHN), supporting strategic direction
- Built shared understanding and momentum across the network, laying a strong foundation for national action
- Secured approval to continue the project for another two years to build on this progress



Funding

The PHN Cooperative has committed to a further two years of funding to support a national IDSG Project Manager and key activities under Phase 2.

The funding model is based on equal contributions from participating PHNs, reflecting strong national support and a shared commitment to progressing Indigenous Data Sovereignty across the network.

Timeline



FGID Maturity Model

The **Framework of Governance of Indigenous Data Governance Maturity Model** helps Primary Health Networks (PHNs) assess and improve their Indigenous Data Governance practices. It provides a structured pathway to embed best practice and ensure the approach aligns with Commonwealth policy line of sight.

How does the scoring system work?

The model is structured around four key guidelines, each with specific actions that contribute to maturity. PHNs earn a score out of 5 for each action based on its level of completion: Each guideline has a total potential score, and PHNs progress through five maturity levels based on their percentage of completion.

The four keys guidelines are:

1. Partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
2. Build Data-Related Capabilities
3. Provide Knowledge of Data Assets
4. Build an Inclusive Data System

Foundation	Emergence	Maturation	Advancement	Excellence
>25%	25%-49%	50%-74%	75%-99%	100%