

We are grateful for all the feedback we have received on the IIRC project plan. To address some specific concerns raised in the feedback:

The feedback on the *Improving Indigenous Research Capabilities: An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Commons Project Plan* highlights strong support and acknowledges its potential benefits. Respondents reiterated the importance of the aims of the project, particularly the goal of ensuring the outcomes extend beyond the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) disciplines to encompass various sectors, including universities, commercial entities, and government bodies. The project's strategic framework was praised for enhancing Indigenous data sovereignty and governance, benefiting researchers, stakeholders, and Indigenous communities.

Many suggestions have been noted and are already being addressed. Feedback highlighted the need for better alignment within disciplines and institutions. The project is working to ensure alignment and reduce overlaps within and across various sectors and disciplines by forming dedicated teams to streamline the implementation process. Potential integration of various tools was suggested to enhance data management capabilities (e.g. Image Annotation Tool Bench, TLCMap) - these integrations are being explored, with learning materials and training sessions being developed to support these integrations. A major theme in the feedback was the importance of cultural sensitivity. Cultural sensitivity has been a key consideration from the project's inception. Ongoing public translation of key terms and their historical contexts will be incorporated, and continuous and dynamic feedback mechanisms are embedded to ensure that Indigenous communities' perspectives and needs are central to the project's development.

We also received suggestions for project delivery and communication, including measures of success, communication with stakeholders and sustainability of outputs. Clear, quantifiable indicators of success and robust evaluation frameworks are embedded in the project to effectively track progress and outcomes. Regular updates and consultations with stakeholders are part of our engagement strategy, ensuring they remain informed and involved throughout the project's lifecycle.

Additionally, long-term sustainability strategies are actively focused on, integrating the project's work into cultural infrastructures and institutions. These measures ensure that the project remains aligned with its goals, responsive to feedback, and geared towards overall success and sustainability.